

# **William H. Wetsel Middle School**

## **2025-2026 English 6**

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### **Introduction and Overview**

Welcome to Sixth Grade English Class. We are so looking forward to spending the 2025-2026 school year with you. It's going to be an AMAZING journey! Please take the time to read this over to learn more about the ins and outs of English 6.

### **Goals for the Year**

- Read and understand a variety of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.
- Identify the elements of fiction, including setting, plot, character, theme and conflict.
- Identify and explain analogies and figurative language.
- Analyze literature to understand the relationship between the text and its components, such as plot, author's choice of words, and figurative language.
- Use the study of literature to develop and enhance writing skills.
- Develop vocabulary skills, refine grammar and usage skills.
- Complete a variety of writing assignments to introduce and refine expressive language.
- Use the writing process to develop a polished final product.

### **Materials for the Year**

- composition notebook
- folder
- pencil pouch with:
  - pencils
  - colored pencils
  - scissors
  - gluestick
  - highlighter

### **Literature, 2025-2026**

*Textbook*

*HMH Into Literature Virginia*

*Unit 1: Finding Courage, Unit 2: Through an Animal's Eye, Unit 3: Surviving the Unthinkable, Unit 4: Discovering Your Voice, Unit 5: Never Give Up, Unit 6: Hidden Truths*

*Tentative novel selections*

*(Class novels will be chosen from this list.)*

Wonder, Love That Dog, Bloomability, Pictures of Hollis Woods, Where the Red Fern Grows, Tuck Everlasting, Holes, Hatchet, Behind Rebel Lines, Black Beauty

### **General Class Rules and Attendance**

1. Students are expected to follow all school rules, as described in the handbook.
2. Respect for oneself, classmates, teachers, and the classroom is expected.

3. Students need to be in class and prepared to begin when the tardy bell rings.
  4. Students are expected to bring all required materials to class every day.
- Because of limited space, backpacks are not allowed in the classroom.**

### **School Wide Expectations**

Show Your Blue

Be Respectful

Learn Everyday

Understand Responsibilities

Encourage Everyone

### **Character Expectations**

Respect

Integrity

Responsibility

Kindness

American Citizenship

### **Grading**

Grades are calculated as follows:

- Classwork/Homework = 20%
- Quizzes = 30%
- Tests/Projects = 50%

Grades will be updated in Power School within one week, with the exception of projects or lengthy writing assignments.

### **Benchmark Assessments**

Students will take a benchmark assessment at the end of each quarter. The dates for these assessments are:

- October 14th
- December 15th
- March 10th

### **Late Work**

All assignments must be completed and turned in prior to progress reports and report cards. Any assignment that is not turned in by the 4.5 or 9 week reporting periods will remain a 0% in the gradebook.

### **Communication**

If a parent/guardian needs to communicate with a teacher, please call the office and leave a message (540-948-3783) or see email addresses below.

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