**The Academy at Lincoln Middle School** 

**6th grade 2023-2024 ELA Syllabus**

**Go Hornets!!**

***Welcome to my class!***

**Teacher:** **Emily M. Mmaitsi**

**Subject: 6th grade VSN/AG English Language Arts**

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**Class Novels, Short Stories, Plays and Poetry:**

We will read a variety of works in these genres. There will be a minimum of one in-class novel per quarter as well as self-selected independent readings with guidelines. We may add more book to this list as needed. These novels may not be studied in this order, we might switch them up

**Novels:**

***The Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan (AG)

***A Long Walk To Water*** by Linda Sue Park (VSN)

***The Alchemist*** by Paulo Coelho

***GreenGlass House*** by Kate Milford

**Help Time:**

If a student needs additional help with an assignment beyond the academic school day or needs access to technology, please notify me before the due date. Students may schedule a help session for additional support.

This syllabus needs to be signed and dated by both the student and the parent. Please make sure the student understands that they are agreeing to abide by the rules and expectations below. The steps set forth below will be followed as outlined and parents/guardians will be contacted when the student does not comply with teacher directions.

**Class Expectations/Consequences:**

*Students will:*

1. Come to class prepared with pencil, paper, Chromebook, Planner and homework
2. Enter the room on time, quietly and sharpen pencils before sitting down.
3. Begin the “Do now” assignment on the overhead.
4. Respect self, others and the class.
5. Leave all gum, snacks, candy, electronics, cell phones iPods, video games hats, etc. at home.

*Consequences:*

**Individual Consequences:**

If a student is acting inappropriately or being disruptive the following steps will be taken:

1. Verbal Correction—student reminded to be on task

2. Refocus—student moved from the group to refocus his/her attention in my classroom

3. Buddy Teacher—student sent to a buddy teacher’s classroom to complete assigned work. Parent contacted.

4. Parent/Teacher Meeting after two parent contacts in a week-a behavior and/or work contract may be initiated

5. Administrative Referral

**Grading Policy:**

1. If you are absent from my class, you have 2 class days per each absent day to make up work assigned on the days absent for full credit. Previously assigned projects/tests due on the day(s) absent shall be submitted immediately upon return to school.
2. **If any student cheats or plagiarizes an assignment they will receive a zero (0) and a parent will be contacted.** Cheating includes copying another student’s work and trying to pass it off as yours. No make-up assignment will be offered.
3. If you would like to know your child’s grades and attendance, please sign up using the Parent Assistant website. You can also contact the school’s data manager for assistance with signing up. You will need your child’s lunch number/ student ID number to sign up.

**Grading Scale:** (Set by the state)

100-90 A

89-80 B

79-70 C

69-60 D

59-0 F

I am looking forward to an exciting and challenging year of learning. Parents, please email me at any time if you wish to discuss your child’s progress.

Sincerely,

Ms. Emily Mmaitsi

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*A copy of this document can be emailed if requested!