

## **Sixth Grade Language Arts**

**Creveling**

### **First unit plan and syllabus Fall 2007**

The units in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts revolve around literature.

Within each unit grammar and writing instruction will take place.

Grammar instruction will follow the 6<sup>th</sup> grade grammar text.

The writing process will be developed during the course and different methods of organization will be taught.

The essential six reading strategies will be taught and practiced throughout the course

### **Objectives**

students will learn skills from Florida's Sunshine State Standards

plot, theme, setting, character development, conflicts, resolution

similarities between characters, setting and events from different text

stated or implied main ideas or essential messages

context and word structure skills

students will develop appropriate pre, during and post reading strategies

students will work on writing skills focusing on the writing process and organization

sentence combining and paragraph development stressed

students will learn basic grammar and usage skills

students will increase their vocabulary

### **Unit one**

#### **Introduction to Literature**

Summer Reading

Short Stories

Literary terminology

Introduction to literary terminology

Reading strategies – essential six

Vocabulary development (from stories)

Grammar review and assessment

Writing development skills

### **Major assignments/assessments**

summer reading summaries and group work

read 10 – 12 short stories and show understanding/comprehension

from Prentice Hall Copper literature anthology

create a short story chart/visual highlighting literary elements

write two short story essays

complete vocabulary and grammar work – weekly quiz

unit short story test

summer reading swap/switch presentation

Weeks/dates are approximate – students will be given calendars regularly with due dates

Week one

- Introduction to literary terminology
  - Summer reading summaries and application of terminology
  - Stories that focus on plot
- Grammar
  - Four kinds of sentences
- Writing
  - Personal narrative in class – baseline writing sample

Week two

- Literary terminology/literature
  - Stories that focus on character
- Grammar
  - Subjects and predicates-quiz on sentences
- Writing
  - Short story reflection essay

Week three

- Literature
  - Stories that focus on setting
- Grammar/writing
  - Sentence combining

Week four

- Literature
  - Summer reading swap/switch novels due
  - Stories that focus on theme
- Grammar
  - Nouns
- Writing
  - Paragraphs and topic sentences
  - Short story literary terminology essay
- Project
  - Short story chart/visual due

Week five

- Unit test on short stories/literary terminology
- Application of literary terminology to summer reading novels

Unit 2    Class Novel Study                      four weeks

*The Outsiders*