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6th Grade News at Crews

Alton C. Crews Middle School: Building a Tradition of Excellence

Grading Scale

A.....	90-100
B.....	80-89
C.....	74-79
D.....	70-73
U.....	0-69

Special points of interest:

- **Homework Policy:** Homework reinforces concepts presented at school and is an integral component of each student's educational experience. It provides an opportunity for students to explore and master skills more thoroughly than class time alone will allow. Additionally, homework encourages the development of responsibility, self-discipline, and personal study skills.
- **Make-up Work Policy** (which includes quizzes, tests and projects): If a student is present when an assignment is given, the student is expected to have the assignment when he/she returns. When a student is absent, there will be a daily assignment sheet for the student to copy upon return or see e-mail sent by teacher. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. If an assignment sheet is given prior to a prearranged absence, it is expected that the work will be turned in the day the student returns. No prearranged assignments will be given for unexcused absences.
- **Late Work Policy:** there will be disciplinary consequences for work that is turned in late.

Language Arts

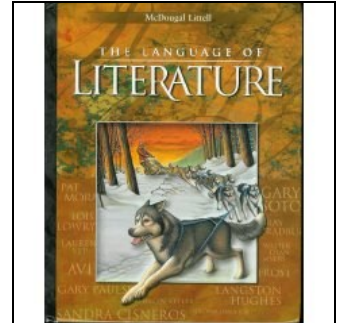
Course Overview:

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an integrated language arts learning experience including reading, listening, writing, and speaking skills. Through writing and reading workshops, we will explore a variety of literary genres and themes. Usage and mechanics, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary will also be addressed through whole-class instruction and within the context of students' own writings. Other areas of concentration will include cooperative learning, individualized conferences, portfolio development, and self-evaluation. Mastery of the Gwinnett County AKS will be a main focus in classroom instruction and learning.

Textbooks:

Language of Literature and *Language Network*, published by McDougal Littell supplemented by dictionaries,

*Debbie Avis, Sharon Fleetwood,
Jordyn Lavoie,
Kandy Westbrook, Stacey Shaffer*



Language Arts Help Time: Every Thursday from 8:15-9:00 A.M. and by appointment at other times.

Grade Distribution: Grading:

Formative	35%
Summative	48%
Interim	2%
Final	10%
Homework	5%

Math

*Laura Diers, Mike Hessler, Magda Leigh,
Cindy Sharpe, Kay Weber*

Materials:

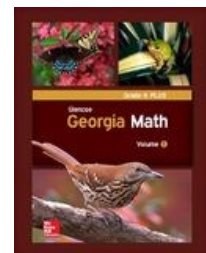
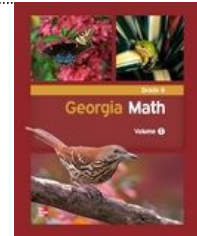
Core Text(s): *Glencoe Grade 6 or 6 Plus*

Supplemental: Calculators, computers, and manipulatives

Assessments: The sixth grade curriculum focuses on the areas of mathematical practice, the number system, ratios, and proportional relationships, geometry, statistics, expressions, and equations. The AKS are aligned with the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards to promote student confidence, competence and problem solving.

Grading: Formative 35%	Summative 48%
Homework 5%	Final Exam 10%
	Interim 2%

Extra Help Time: Every Wednesday from 8:15-9:00 A.M. and by appointment at other times.



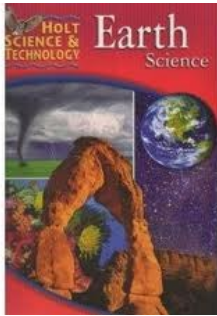
All information subject to change based upon student need and teacher discretion.



Attention Parents: Grade reports will not be sent by email. You will have 24 hour access to your child's current grades and other updates.

Retest Plan: To view and/or print Crews Middle School's assessment retest plan guidelines and request form, go to the "School Information" section of the school's website: www.crews.org.

Science



Materials: Holt *Earth Science*
Grading:

Classroom/Quizzes/Labs	35%
Projects/Tests	48%
Midterm/Interim	2%
Final Exam	10%
Homework	5%



Extra Help Time: Every Thursday from 8:15-9:00 A.M. and by advance appointment.

Earth Science

Danette Burson, Laura Diers, Amy Gimbert, Kimberly May, Young Rhee, Tiffiani Zernhelt

Social Studies

Course Overview: Students will explore the many regions of the Americas, Europe and Australia. The familiar elements of physical and political characteristics of the focus regions will be explored. A focus on the areas of political and economic systems will be investigated this year, with an emphasis on the 21st century. In addition to daily lessons and activities, students will also demonstrate their understanding of content knowledge through quizzes, projects, and tests. Tests and quizzes may include, but are not limited to, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, essay, and map and diagram skills.

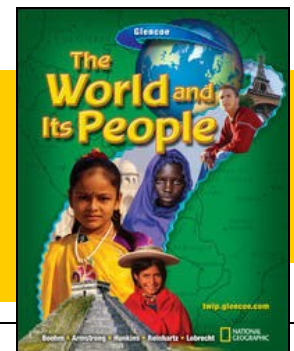
Core Text: *The World and Its People*, published by Glencoe

Grading:

Formative	38%
Summative	50%
Interim	2%
Final	10%

Debbie Avis, Chris Baker, Jennifer Cragin, Julia Parker, Anne Tarkington

Extra Help Time: Every Wednesday from 8:15-9:00 A.M. and by appointment at other times.



Crews Middle School Behavior Management Plan

- 1st offense – Initial Parent Contact
- 2nd offense – Silent Lunch
- 3rd offense – Teacher Detention
- 4th offense – Tuesday Detention
- 5th offense – Saturday Detention
- 6th offense – On/Off Team Isolation
- 7th offense—Administrative Referral

Silent lunch may also be given when students fail to turn in assignments, bring in signed papers, etc. Some actions may result in an automatic referral to the administration. Examples of these actions include fighting, vandalism, and stealing. Please refer to the Alton C. Crews student handbook.

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