

**Tokyo International Progressive School**  
**Grade 6, English Course Outline**  
**2023-2024**  
**Mr. Jessen-Petersen, Room 24**



**“ You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read ” – James Baldwin**

**DESCRIPTION OF COURSE**

In following the Grade 6 Common Core Standards for English Language Arts, students will learn, in this class, how to become a better writer, reader, speaker, and listener of the English language. Along with the goal of reaching the standards, another goal will be to enjoy the wonderful world of literature, and the feeling of becoming at communicating one's ideas and thoughts through their verbal and written communication.

**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

- Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:
- Water bottle
- Charged laptop or tablet
- Headphones
- Any materials for accommodations (e.g. noise-canceling earbuds)
- Work due
- Textbook if brought home (Textbooks will remain in class unless student requests to bring it home) (Materials will always be posted online, including pictures of text from the textbook, so students will typically not need to bring the textbooks home)
- Book being currently read

\*A numbered copy of a textbook and book will be lent to you. Write your name in it. When you return it, if it is not in usable condition or missing its cover, your family will be asked to replace the book.

- Students are allowed to drink closed drink bottles in the classroom. Water and sports drinks are preferred. Cans are not allowed in the classroom. Food is also not allowed in the classroom.
- Students will be allowed to listen to music in class for certain activities with the teacher's permission. Music must be played from a playlist, and the songs must be free of lyrics (no lyrics music)
- If a student is unable to complete work by the expected due date, the grade will be a 0 on Quickschools until the work is completed. The student and the teacher will set a new due date together. If the assignment is not completed by the new due date, the grade will remain a 0 in Quickschools and will not be able to be changed.
- If a student will require a re-do on their test, please talk with the teacher.
- When in use, laptops will remain on the desk.

### EARNING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be determined by your work in these categories:

Grade Category	Percentage of your grade	
6P	10%	
Quiz	20%	
Daily Work	25%	
Project	25%	
Test	20%	

The grading scale for this course will be:

	Mark Range	Grade Points
A+	98-100	4.0
A	93-97	4.0
B+	90-92	3.5
B	85-89	3.0
C+	82-84	2.5
C	77-81	2.0
D+	74-76	1.5
D	70-73	1.0
F	69 or below	0.0

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Students will be assessed with quizzes on a bi-weekly basis and progress tests or projects on a monthly basis. Students may also be required to work on longer project assignments involving researching and writing skills. Projects will take several lessons to complete and will be scheduled at least once per quarter.