

# ELA: Reading Highlights

## Grade 6

### What your Middle School Student will learn . . .

Students will explore the following units of study:

- New Beginnings
- Finding Your Voice
- Inspiring Voices
- Making Your Mark

### What your Middle School Student will do . . .

- Get to know him/herself as a reader, set reading goals and reflect on his/her learning in reading
- Participate in class discussions and book clubs
- Independently read a wide range of authors and genres
- Keep a reader's notebook
- Identify a text's genre, purpose, and organizational structure to help analyze and comprehend the text
- Be able to distinguish between essential and nonessential information within and among texts, and describe the use of persuasive techniques, stereotypes and bias where present
- Acquire information to gain or expand knowledge through a variety of sources
- Analyze information, ideas and opinions to make meaning and form his/her own interpretations

### What families will see . . .

- Reader's notebook entries
- Reading logs
- Independent reading and analysis of challenging texts
- Written responses to reading

### How families can help . . .

- Encourage your child to read for pleasure
- Read a variety of publications
- Participate in book groups
- Keep open communication with your child's teachers