



Essential ELA Skills for the Scholar

Entering Sixth Grade

Below is a list of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills that are most essential for scholars to have fully mastered before starting ELA 6. Please practice these skills with your scholar from now and throughout the summer to ensure he's ready to rock 6th grade ELA!

Skill #1 - Scholars should read every day for **at least 30 minutes**. After reading, they should:

- I. summarize what happens / what the text is about
- II. choose 3 unknown words and look up their definitions

Skill #2 - Scholars should keep a reflection journal and write in it for **at least 15 minutes daily** to:

- free-write
- jot down connections that they noticed between their reading for the day and either another text, their world, or their own life
- express their feelings and ideas about any subject they choose

Skill #3 - Scholars should be able to access their email account, I-Ready account, iLearnNYC account, and navigate Google Classroom.

Skill #4 - Scholars should be able to write a professional e-mail, including:

- A short subject to capture the main point of the email
- A professional greeting, such as:
 - *Dear Mr. Morgan,*
 - *Good Morning Ms. Jones,*
- An opening greeting sentence, such as:
 - *I hope you are doing well.*
 - *I hope you're having a good day.*
 - *I hope you and your family are safe during this time.*
 - *Happy Monday!*
- Complete sentences clearly and politely explaining their point, question, etc.
- A closing sentence thanking the person for their time or help, such as:
 - *Thank you for reading my email.*
 - *I appreciate any help you can offer.*
 - *Thank you so much for considering my request.*
 - *Thank you for your time.*
- A professional closing, such as:
 - *Sincerely,*
Jordan Pierre
 - *Be Well,*
Neo Fleurimond
 - *With Gratitude,*
Tarif Rose

Skill #5 - Scholars should be able to have a **10-15 minute conversation** about something they've read, watched, or experienced. In that conversation they should:

- clearly state their opinions or ideas
- give examples or reasons to support their main points
- listen to their conversation partner, and directly respond to their conversation partner's ideas and examples (explain why they agree or disagree, etc.)