



August 28, 2018

West Millbrook Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome! We are excited to further implement our new English-Language Arts curriculum, Expeditionary Learning (EL), for the 2018-2019 school year. Last year, our sixth grade students engaged with high levels of success with this curriculum and we feel confident that we will have a similar experience for this year's seventh and eighth grade students. The EL curriculum incorporates a variety of texts and learning experiences designed to help students meet or exceed grade level expectations, in addition to exposing students to complex concepts and educating them on issues that will lead to their becoming more literate and conscientious citizens.

The texts used in the EL curriculum include several texts per grade level that students will have assigned to them for use during the unit/module of study. Texts are paperback versions that will need to be maintained for future students to use. Accordingly, we are tasked as a school community to be good stewards of these resources and will, therefore, need to replace damaged and lost books. In addition to providing the first round of texts, WCPSS has also provided each student with one hard-copy of a workbook for each unit/module, needed for students to fully engage in the learning for that unit/module. Just as has been done in previous years with school textbooks, students and their families are asked to pay for the replacement of any texts damaged or lost while in their care; lost or damaged workbooks can be replaced for a nominal cost, as well, or students may print the workbook (from a non-school printer) as an alternative. Lost texts/texts with excessive damage will incur a fine equal to that of the purchase price. Damaged texts and lost workbooks (that require a school-provided replacement) will incur a fine of \$2.00.

Please see the back of this letter for a list of replacement costs. Students will not be issued another text until they have paid for the replacement of a previously lost/damaged book and they will also not be allowed to participate in various school activities until such costs are rectified. Questions about this policy can be directed to Bridget Rogers at [brogers@wcpss.net](mailto:brogers@wcpss.net) or 919-870-4050 ext. 24296.

Sincerely,

Bridget Rogers  
West Millbrook Middle School Assistant Principal

Grade	Title	Author	ISBN	Price
6	The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	978-0786838653	\$11.00
6	Frightful's Mountain	Jean Craighead George	978-0141312354	\$11.00
6	Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village	Laura Amy Schlitz	978-0763643324	\$14.00
6	World Without Fish (only at Barnes & Nobles)	Mark Kurlansky	978-0761156079	\$15.00
6	Flush	Carl Hiassen	978-0375861253	\$11.00
7	A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park	978-0547577319	\$11.00
7	Lyddie	Katherine Paterson	978-0-14-037389-9	\$10.00
8	Inside Out & Back Again	Thanhha Lai	978-0-06-196279-0	\$13.00
8	A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare Edited by Barbara A. Mowat and Paul Werstine	978-0-7434-7754-3	\$9.00
8	A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School	Carlotta Walls Lanier Foreword by President Bill Clinton	978-0-345-51101-0	\$19.00
8	Little Rock Girl 1957:	Shelley Tougas	978-0-7565-4512-3	\$12.10
8	The Omnivore's Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat Young Reader's Edition	Michael Pollan	978-1-101-99383-5	\$13.00

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making sure that we take care of our instructional resources and ensure that they are available for both you/your student and future students.