

2023-2024

A Peek at Our Week...

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Mrs. Silvestri's ELA Grades 6-8

Week of September 8, 2023



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This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...

Welcome Back to School!

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer! I definitely tried to relax and enjoy time with my dog, Butch. I really miss Sundance since losing him at the end of last school year. Having Butch to snuggle and stacks of books to read always helps—so does chocolate—lots and lots of chocolate

I am thrilled to welcome students to a new and exciting year of ELA! It is wonderful to see all of the smiling faces! I hope that you and your families are ready for a fun and engaging year in middle school.

These first two days of school, students were able to meet and greet the Middle School Team of teachers and learn their new schedules. Students completed ice-breaker activities, set up planners, set up ELA supplies, organized their new lockers, and began reading surveys.

Next week in ELA, middle school students will review class rules and practice emergency drill procedures. Students will also complete Reading i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments and writing samples. After we complete i-Ready assessments, students will begin our ELA class work. As a reminder, students should bring their independent reading books to school each day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

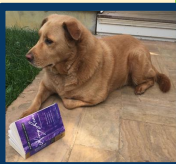


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Sundance say...

Read!



Reminder...
Students should
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Important Information...

8th Grade ELA

Read for at least 30 minutes
each day!
Students must have an IR book
with them each day.

All homework will be posted on
the board in our ELA classroom
and posted on Google Classroom.

7th Grade ELA

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6th Grade ELA

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THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER...

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."

— Groucho Marx



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Extra Info...

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ELA Grades 6-8...

Middle School English Language Arts Curriculum is aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts. We use the workshop model of instruction in both reading and writing. Students read and write across a wide variety of genres as well as study the effective uses of writing, mechanics, and grammar. The curriculum supports, encourages, and facilitates choice/independent reading that allows students to pursue topics and genres of interests. The curriculum also embeds text activities and literacy experiences that engage students in reading partnerships and deep, thoughtful discussions.

Sixth Grade texts include read alouds, poetry, nonfiction articles from Newsela and Scholastic *Scope* magazine, fiction texts, short stories, and the novels *Hoot*, by Carl Hiaasen and *Wonder*, by RJ Palacio.

Seventh Grade texts include read alouds, poetry, nonfiction articles from Newsela and Scholastic *Scope* magazine, fiction texts, short stories, and the novels *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry, *Holes* by Louis Sachar, and (possibly) *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, by Jordan Sonnenblick.

Eighth Grade texts include read alouds, poetry, nonfiction articles from Newsela and Scholastic *Scope* magazine, fiction texts, short stories, and the novels *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian, and *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* by David Lubar, and (possibly) *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, by Jordan Sonnenblick.

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7th Grade ELA

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6th Grade ELA

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"I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library."
---Jorge Luis Borges.