

# A Peek at Our Week...

2023-24

## Mrs. Silvestri's ELA Grades 6-8

Week of December 22, 2023

### This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...

Wishing you a merry Christmas, happy Holidays, and a happy New Year!

**Sixth Grade** continued closely reading the short story, "The Stone" by Lloyd Alexander. We read and analyzed poetry, and we read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction texts from Scholastic *Scope*. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, we practiced writing strong paragraph responses, and we completed i-Ready lessons. We also continued our vignette projects, worked on research projects, and responded to journal prompts. Our Bookstagram posts are due in January. We completed Wordly Wise Lesson 5 tests. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Seventh Grade** continued closely reading the short story, "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. We read and analyzed poetry, and we read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We participated in readers' theater groups and recited our poetry memorization. We also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction texts from Scholastic *Scope*. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, practiced writing strong paragraph responses, completed i-Ready lessons, continued our poetry project, worked on research projects, and responded to journal prompts. Our Bookstagram posts are due in January. We completed Wordly Wise Lesson 5 tests. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Eighth Grade** continued closely reading *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens and the short story, "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. We read and analyzed poetry, and we read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction texts from Scholastic *Scope*. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, completed i-Ready lessons, practiced writing strong paragraph responses, continued our poetry project, worked on research projects, and responded to journal prompts. Our Bookstagram posts are due in January. We completed Wordly Wise Lesson 5 tests. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

### 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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### THOUGHT FOR DECEMBER...

"Christmas, and the end of the year, is definitely a time when people try their hardest to begin afresh, a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely."

- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

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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, and (possibly) *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker.

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