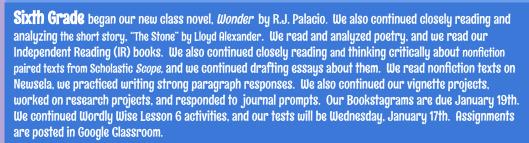


# A Peek at Our Week...

Mrs. Silvestri's ELA Grades 6-8

Week of January 12, 2024

This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...



**Seventh Grade** began our new class novel. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. We also 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 also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction paired texts from Scholastic *Scope*, and we began drafting essays about them. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, practiced writing strong paragraph responses, continued our poetry project, worked on research projects, responded to journal prompts, and drafted expository essays. Our Bookstagrams are due January 19th. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 6 activities, and our tests will be Wednesday, January 17th. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Eighth Grade** began our new class novel, *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian. We also 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 also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction paired texts from Scholastic *Scope*, and we began drafting essays about them. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, practiced writing strong paragraph responses, continued our poetry project, worked on research projects, responded to journal prompts, and drafted expository essays. Our Bookstagrams are due January 19th. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 6 activities, and our tests will be Wednesday, January 17th. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.



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Butch and Sundance say...

Read!



# Reminder... Students should read every day!



## 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

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.

## 6th Grade ELA

2023-2024

Read for at least 30 minutes each day!

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

#### **THOUGHT FOR JANUARY...**

The most beautiful things are not associated with money—they are memories and moments. If you don't celebrate those, they can pass you by."

-- Alek Wek





## 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 Garl 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.

## Important Information...

## 8th Grade ELA

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

All work will be posted on Google Classroom.

Students should charge their chromebooks each night.

## 7th Grade ELA

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

All work will be posted on Google Classroom.

Students should charge their chromebooks each night.

## 6th Grade FLA

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

All work will be posted on Google Classroom.

Students should charge their chromebooks each night.

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