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A Peek at Our Week...

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Mrs. Silvestri's ELA Grades 6-8 Week of January 22, 2021

The NJHS will be hosting their annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" canned food drive to benefit the Bradley Beach Food Pantry. NJHS will be collecting from Jan 25-29th.

This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...



Sixth Grade read nonfiction paired texts about orangutans and the rain forest, and we continued analyzing them. continued research on dog breeds for a presentation. We are working on forming our presentations, and we will begin presenting research the week of February 2nd. We read independent reading books and nonfiction texts on Newsela. We responded to writing prompts, and we began our work with Wordly Wise Lesson 6 words. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

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Seventh Grade read nonfiction paired texts about soap, and we continued analyzing them. We also completed warm-up activities to prepare for Monday, when we will begin reading and analyzing our class novel, *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry. We drafted essays using a nonfiction article, the short story, "Seventh Grade" by Gary Soto, and the poem, "Oranges" by Gary Soto. We will use peer feedback to revise essays next week. We read independent reading books and nonfiction texts on Newsela. We responded to writing prompts, and we began our work with Wordly Wise Lesson 6 words. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

Eighth Grade read nonfiction paired texts about games, and we continued analyzing them. Monday, we will begin reading and analyzing our class novel, *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, by Jordan Sonnenblick. We drafted essays using text evidence from the short story, "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs and the paired-text articles, and we began drafting argument essays. We read independent reading books and nonfiction texts on Newsela. We responded to writing prompts, and we began our work with Wordly Wise Lesson 6 words. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

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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 and short stories, and the novels *Hoot*, by Carl Hiaasen and *Wonder*, by RJ Palacio.

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Eighth Grade texts include read alouds, poetry, nonfiction articles from Newsela and Scholastic *Scope* magazine, fiction texts and short stories, and the novels *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton and *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* by David Lubar.

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