

2024-2025

# A Peek at Our Week...

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

### Week of January 31, 2025



**Souper-Bowl of Caring** [attached flyer](#)



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**Butch and Sundance say..**

**Read!**



**Reminder...  
Students should read every day!**

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

**Sixth Grade** continued analyzing the short story, "The Stone" by Lloyd Alexander. We read and analyzed poetry, completed daily literacy skills activities, and read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-text articles, "How Candy Conquered America" from Scholastic *Scope*. We revised essays comparing paired texts, practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and responded to January choice board writing prompts. We also read nonfiction texts on Newsela and completed paragraph responses, and we completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We finished creating favorite-month vignettes and began story wheel projects. We also practiced cursive writing. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 6 activities, and tests will be Tuesday, February 4th. Our poetry recitations are due March 5th. Our "Dog Breeds" research projects are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Seventh Grade** continued reading and discussing the novel, *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. We also continued analyzing the short story, "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry, adapted as drama by Scholastic *Scope*. We read and analyzed poetry, completed daily literacy skills activities, and read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction paired texts from Scholastic *Scope*. We revised essays about paired texts. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we responded to January choice board writing prompts. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela and completed paragraph responses, and we completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We began drafting "Where I'm From" poems. We also practiced cursive writing. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 6 activities, and tests will be Tuesday, February 4th. Our poetry recitations are due March 5th. Our "What My Name Means" research projects are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Eighth Grade** continued reading and discussing the novel, *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian. We continued analyzing the short story, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted as drama by Scholastic *Scope*. We read and analyzed poetry, completed daily literacy skills activities, and read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction paired texts from Scholastic *Scope*. We revised essays about grouped texts. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we responded to January choice board writing prompts. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela and completed paragraph responses, and we completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We drafted self reflections. We also practiced cursive writing. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 6 activities, and tests will be Tuesday, February 4th. Our poetry recitations are due March 5th. Our "Traditions" research projects are underway. 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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#### 6th Grade ELA

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### 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



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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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#### 6th Grade ELA

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