

2023-2024

A Peek at Our Week...

Mrs. Silvestri's ELA Grades 6-8

2023-2024

Week of September 22, 2023



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This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...

Sixth Grade continued incorporating our daily routines and procedures for ELA class. We continued closely reading and analyzing the short story, "Stray," by Cynthia Rylant, we read and analyzed poetry, and we read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We began examining story elements. We also began closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction texts from *Scholastic Scope*. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, and we practiced writing strong paragraph responses. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 1 activities. We prepared to present our Who I Am projects, which are due by Monday, September 25th. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

Seventh Grade continued incorporating our daily routines and procedures for ELA class. We continued closely reading and analyzing the short story, "Seventh Grade" by Gary Soto, we read and analyzed poetry, and we read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We took notes on story elements, focusing on character. We also began closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction texts from *Scholastic Scope*. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, and we practiced writing strong paragraph responses. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 1 activities. We continued research projects about our names. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

Eighth Grade continued incorporating our daily routines and procedures for ELA class. We also continued closely reading and analyzing the short story, "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson, we read and analyzed poetry, and we read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We began examining story elements. We also began closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction texts from *Scholastic Scope*. We read nonfiction texts on Newsela, and we practiced writing strong paragraph responses. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 1 activities. We began working on our self-reflection projects. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

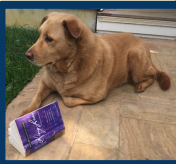


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Sundance say...

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

Read for at least 30 minutes
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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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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.

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6th 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.

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