

2020-2021

# A Peek at Our Week...

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

### Week of April 23, 2021



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

**Sixth Grade** continued reading and analyzing our class novel, *Hoot*, by Carl Hiaasen. We completed close-reading activities, and we analyzed poetry. We created poetry visualization projects, and we will share them through "placemat" publishing. We also continued working with the article, "How Animal Crossing Conquered the World" and paired text "A Sweet Treat in a Tough Time" from Scholastic *Scope*. We read independent reading books and wrote dialectical journal entries, and we read nonfiction texts on Newsela. We responded to writing prompts, revised our essays, and completed Wordly Wise Lesson 10 activities and assessments. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Seventh Grade** continued reading and analyzing our class novel, *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry, and we wrote dialectical journal entries and created summaries and visualizations for each chapter. We analyzed poetry, and we created poetry visualization projects that we will share through "placemat" publishing. We continued closely and critically reading paired texts about the ways games help us through tough times from Scholastic *Scope*. We read independent reading books, and we read nonfiction texts on Newsela. We responded to writing prompts, revised our essays, and completed Wordly Wise Lesson 10 activities and assessments. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Eighth Grade** continued analyzing our class novel, *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, by Jordan Sonnenblick, and we wrote journal response entries and completed activity pages. We analyzed poetry, and we created poetry visualization projects that we will share through "placemat" publishing. We continued closely and critically reading paired texts about the history of soap, and we read independent reading books and nonfiction texts on Newsela. We responded to writing prompts, revised our essays, and completed Wordly Wise Lesson 10 activities. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.



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### Important Information...

#### 8th Grade ELA

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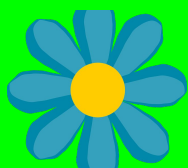
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Most people exist, that is all.  
--Oscar Wilde



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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.

**Seventh Grade** texts include read alouds, poetry, nonfiction articles from Newsela and Scholastic *Scope* magazine, fiction texts and short stories, and the novels *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry and *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, by Jordan Sonnenblick.

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---Jorge Luis Borges.