

2024-2025

# A Peek at Our Week...

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

Week of May 2, 2025

This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...

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Butch and Sundance say..

Read!



Reminder...  
Students should read every day!



**Sixth Grade** completed NJSLA PRACTICE tests and review activities. We read and analyzed fiction texts, nonfiction texts, and poetry, and we practiced literary terms. We practiced writing text-dependent essays, and we responded to April and May choice board writing prompts. We completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We reviewed Greek and Latin stems and literary terms and elements on Quizlet. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books and continued closely reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-text articles from Scholastic *Scope*. We also continued reading, analyzing, and discussing our class novel, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Our "Dog Breeds" presentations are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Seventh Grade** completed NJSLA PRACTICE tests and review activities. We read and analyzed fiction texts, nonfiction texts, and poetry, and we practiced literary terms. We practiced writing text-dependent essays, and we responded to April and May choice board writing prompts. We completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We reviewed Greek and Latin stems and literary terms and elements on Quizlet. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books and continued closely reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-text articles from Scholastic *Scope*. Our "What My Name Means" research projects are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

**Eighth Grade** completed NJSLA PRACTICE tests and review activities. We read and analyzed fiction texts, nonfiction texts, and poetry, and we practiced literary terms. We practiced writing text-dependent essays, and we responded to April and May choice board writing prompts. We completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We reviewed Greek and Latin stems and literary terms and elements on Quizlet. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books and continued closely reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-text articles from Scholastic *Scope*. We also continued reading, analyzing, and discussing our class novel, *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick. Our Wax Museum and our "Traditions" research projects are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

NJSLA Testing will begin Monday!

The Eighth Grade Wax Museum  
will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 8:45-9:45 A.M.

### 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

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.

THOUGHT FOR MAY...

"It is the sweet, simple things of life which are the real ones after all."

--Laura Ingalls Wilder



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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.

### 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 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.

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