



# A Peek at Our Week...



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

Week of October 18, 2024

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



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**Sixth Grade** began closely reading our new short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving, adapted as drama by Scholastic *Scope*. We completed reading assessments about the short story, "Stray" by Cynthia Rylant. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we drafted spooky stories in response to prompts. We also read nonfiction texts on Newsela and completed paragraphs responses. We began Wordly Wise Lesson 2 activities. We began pronouns practice. We also practiced cursive writing. Show-and-tell public speaking projects will be due in October and November. Homework is posted in Google Classroom.

**Seventh Grade** began closely reading our new fiction text, "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley, adapted as drama by Scholastic *Scope*. We completed reading assessments about the short story, "Seventh Grade" by Gary Soto. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we drafted spooky stories in response to prompts. We also read nonfiction texts on Newsela and completed paragraphs responses. We began Wordly Wise Lesson 2 activities. We began pronouns practice. We also practiced cursive writing. Show-and-tell public speaking projects will be due in October and November. Homework is posted in Google Classroom.

**Eighth Grade** began closely reading our new short story, "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs, and the dramatized adaptation from Scholastic *Scope*. We completed reading assessments about the short story, "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we drafted spooky stories in response to prompts. We also read nonfiction texts on Newsela and completed paragraphs responses. We began Wordly Wise Lesson 2 activities. We continued pronouns practice. We also practiced cursive writing. Show-and-tell public speaking projects will be due in October and November. Homework is posted in Google Classroom.

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Students should read every day!



### 8th Grade ELA

Read for at least 30 minutes each day!  
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### THOUGHT FOR OCTOBER...

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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.

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**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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