

2024-2025

A Peek at Our Week...

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Mrs. Silvestri's ELA Grades 6-8

Week of November 27, 2024

This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...



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Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sixth Grade continued reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-text articles, "How Candy Conquered America" from Scholastic *Scope*. We continued closely reading the short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving, adapted as drama by Scholastic *Scope*. We rehearsed readers' theater groups and continued studying literary elements. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We responded to November writing prompts. We also completed i-Ready lessons, and we wrapped up pronouns practice. We also practiced cursive writing. We began "In November" creative writing projects. We presented Show-and-Tell public speaking projects, and they were fabulous! Dog breeds research projects are underway. Homework is posted in Google Classroom.

Seventh Grade continued reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-texts, "Are Phones Making Us Zombies?" from Scholastic *Scope*. We also continued closely reading the fiction text, "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley, adapted as drama by Scholastic *Scope*. We rehearsed readers' theater groups and continued studying literary elements. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We responded to November writing prompts. We also completed i-Ready lessons, and we continued pronouns practice. We also practiced cursive writing. Show-and-tell public speaking project presentations are almost finished. We listened to *The Name Jar* and began What My Name Means research projects. Homework is posted in Google Classroom.

Eighth Grade read and discussed the short story, "Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen" by O. Henry and compared it with the painting, *Freedom from Want* by Norman Rockwell. We also continued reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-texts, "Are Phones Making Us Zombies?" from Scholastic *Scope*. We continued closely reading the short story, "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs, and the dramatized adaptation from Scholastic *Scope*. We rehearsed readers' theater groups and continued studying literary elements. We read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We responded to November writing prompts. We also completed i-Ready lessons, and we continued pronouns practice. We also practiced cursive writing. Show-and-tell public speaking project presentations are underway. Traditions research projects are underway. Homework is posted in Google Classroom.

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Read!



Reminder...

Students should read every day!

Important Information...

8th Grade ELA

Read for at least 30 minutes
each day !
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with them each day.

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and posted on Google Classroom.

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THOUGHT FOR NOVEMBER...

"Once you have read a book you care about,
some part of it is always with you."

- Louis L'Amour



ELA

Extra Info...

ELA

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