

2024-2025

A Peek at Our Week...

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Mrs. Silvestri's ELA Grades 6-8

Week of March 14, 2025

This Week in ELA Grades 6-8...



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Sundance say..

Read!



Reminder...

Students should
read every day!

Sixth Grade began reading and discussing our new class novel, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. We read and analyzed poetry, completed daily literacy skills activities, and read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and analyzing nonfiction paired-text articles, "How Gandy Conquered America" from *Scholastic Scope*. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we responded to March writing prompts. We also read nonfiction texts on Newsela and completed paragraph responses, and we completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We also practiced cursive writing. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 8 activities, and tests will be Tuesday, March 18th. We began Poetry March Madness poem studies. Our "Dog Breeds" research projects are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

Seventh Grade continued reading and analyzing our class novel, *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. We read and analyzed poetry, completed daily literacy skills activities, and read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction paired texts from *Scholastic Scope*. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we responded to March writing prompts. We also read nonfiction texts on Newsela, completed paragraph responses, and completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We drafted "Where I'm From" poems. We also practiced cursive writing. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 8 activities, and tests will be Tuesday, March 18th. We began Poetry March Madness poem studies. Our "What My Name Means" research projects are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

Eighth Grade finished reading and analyzing our class novel, *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian. Next week, we will complete wrap-up activities. We read and analyzed poetry, completed daily literacy skills activities, and read our Independent Reading (IR) books. We also continued closely reading and thinking critically about nonfiction paired texts from *Scholastic Scope*. We practiced writing text-dependent paragraphs, and we responded to March choice board writing prompts. We also read nonfiction texts on Newsela, completed paragraph responses, and completed weekly i-Ready lessons. We continued creating self reflections. We also practiced cursive writing. We continued Wordly Wise Lesson 8 activities, and tests will be Tuesday, March 18th. We began Poetry March Madness poem studies. Our "Traditions" research projects are underway. Assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

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 MARCH...

To live is the rarest thing in the world.
Most people exist, that is all.

—Oscar Wilde



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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6th Grade ELA

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