

ELA BLOCK 3



What we are working on...

This week in Mrs. Taylor's Language Arts class we are working on activities to wrap up our core book *The Pigman*. Just recently, our class has finished the book and we are working on multiple projects for the book. For one of the projects, we had to create a commercial that advertised NYC, which is the setting of the book. This week on our Activity List, there is one assignment that involves us creating a four-song soundtrack. Two songs have to connect to the characters and two songs must connect to the themes from the book.

Taylor's Tidings February 1-19 2016

What we are reading...

We just finished our book that the whole class was reading, *The Pigman*. This book was about two high schoolers named John and Lorraine. John is more of the troublemaker and Lorraine is more of the average girl. In the story, you find out that John really likes Lorraine and wants to be her boyfriend. Later in the story, they met an old man named Mr. Pignati nicknamed "The Pigman" because he had a collection of pigs and was infatuated with them. In the book, the author really helped out the whole class understand the book by having John and Lorraine both be the narrators of the story. The book ends with a tragic plot twist... read it to find out!

Upcoming events...

- End of unit culminating activity - Family throughout the decades
- New Book Club Books
- New Unit of Study - Understanding Perspectives

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Favorite Activity...

In our language arts class we just finished reading the novel The Pigman. The best activity this week was the commercial we did in class. We made a commercial with a group of two or three. We advertised places in New York. We could use multiple locations, such as Times Square, the Empire State Building, or the Museum of Natural History. We learned how to write a script and then filmed our commercial. Students used our iPads to film and Touchcast, iMovie or Wevideo to edit them. This project was our favorite activity of the week.

What's going on at BIS?

School Spirit...

Interdisciplinary (ID)
class...

Right now in Interdisciplinary, we are researching information for a debate we are doing in March. Our topic is 'Should we allow cell phones in school?' We are going to be doing the debate against another school. All of the years prior to this year, our school has lost to sixth graders, but this year we are going to win! We have learned many pros and cons of this topic, but we have not yet been told what side we are on. This way, we will have to research both sides and we can anticipate what the other side might say. Additionally, we have been promised a pizza/movie party if we win, which makes us motivated to win.

