

Crew M Language Arts



11/1/2024	This month in LA the students will be working using <i>The Hunger Games</i> as a mentor text as a model of writing and try to develop a creative writing piece of their own. They will craft and process this piece of writing and share with their classmates. From there we will begin our investigation of the craft of argument and look at a variety of nonfiction texts and analyze the writing style.
10/1/24	In Language Arts we have been reading <i>The Hunger Games</i> and working on our close reading skills and playing with how figurative language gives us information. The kids are truly enjoying it and those that have read it before are realizing how much more there is when you slow down, make connections and question the figurative language. We have also begun and will continue working on our ability to strengthen our expository writing structure with a focus on using strong evidence and developing our explanation of evidence. From there we will play with our narrative storytelling abilities by creating a short story focussing on first person narrative and the communication of emotion within storytelling. In this unit they will explore their creative side and develop their characterization abilities, their use of dialogue, internal thinking, and their descriptive language usage.
9/1/25	Welcome back to a new year! In the coming weeks we will be working on building a learning community and will continue to develop ourselves into a community of writers and readers. During the next month they will review good academic behaviors by carving out a solid 30 minutes each night to read an independent book or an assigned novel. We will also be communicating through writing one of their favorite all time books and how it was meaningful to their lives. This will allow students to show me where they are as a thinker and a writer at this point in the year. As we continue in September I will be meeting your child where they are in skill level and fill in any needed gaps in structural writing and/or begin to extend their skills. This month's focus is on developing our ability to think deeply about books and to be able to express those ideas clearly in writing. Therefore we will be using mentor texts to develop our analytical skills, our ability to identify a theory worthy of writing about, and how to locate and explain evidence to support this idea. We will begin with some short texts to work on and

	review our close reading and writing skills and then we will be reading our first whole class novel, <i>The Hunger Games</i>. Expect that novel not to come home until about 3 weeks into the school year. This work will undoubtedly continue into the month of October. I am here at any point if you would like to chat. I am looking forward to seeing you at parent night!
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