



Mrs. McDowell's ELA News

March 2018

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As we finish up our Argumentative Unit this week we will move onto Non-Fiction Text and identifying the Main Idea and Author's Purpose for writing. We will also work on summarizing text for non-fiction and making sure that we can write an objective summary and not include our own personal opinions. We will be using our Scholastic SCOPE magazines for text to read which are always interesting and engaging for the students. Be sure to ask your child about the reading we are doing in class!

We will also be focusing on vocabulary and using context clues to help us identify the meanings of unknown words. We will use our vocabulary words and SCOPE articles for this.

We will end the month practicing and reviewing for our upcoming PARCC test. As we practice we will work together to identify good test taking strategies and practice a few PARCC release tasks together. Our students will be testing the week of April 10th.

Next week we will be working with Unit 11, our last unit from the PRE-TEST we took a few weeks ago. After spending time on each unit we will be taking a POST-TEST on March 28th. I will be sending home a homework packet on March 19th and March 21st. It will be a review of the words that we have been working on. Students can also go onto www.vocabtest.com and check the box for units 9, 10, and 11. This will give them a review of all 3 units. They can choose to practice using the words in sentences, matching the correct definition, or review synonyms and antonyms with the words. This is great practice for the students.

The students did a great job with their Book Talks. We have a few students with some longer books who are still working on theirs. Please make sure that your child is following the calendar for their book clubs, we will be discussing our books at least 3 times a week in class. We will have a new project to complete for our next book in April.