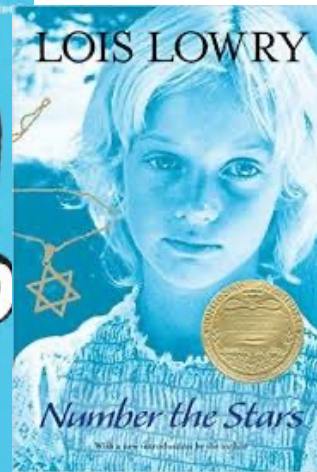
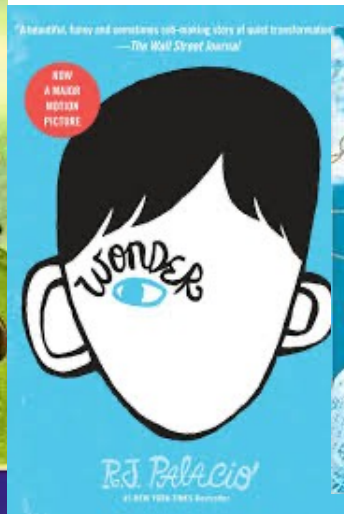


Welcome to English! Please consider me to be a resource and a guide. We are going to learn together, from and with each other.



5th Grade Language Arts

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When given the
Choice between
being Right and
→ being Kind,
Choose Kind
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Our focus will be on growing as more advanced literature lovers. We have already developed a sense of who we are- we have looked in the mirror. Now it is time to look out some windows and learn about others around us who may not be like us. We will be strengthening our voices as writers, and readers, honing our ears as listeners and becoming better friend. Our goals in this class are not confined to these walls. We will expand our ability to think critically, to communicate elegantly, and to edit and polish our works to be highly sophisticated.

We will be reading both fiction and non-fiction books, articles, and stories.

We will expand our repertoire of strategies to further develop ourselves as writers. We will learn to question what we read, to understand different perspectives, and to use those voices to help grow our own.

Some guiding thoughts:

Our classroom is a safe space.

We take responsibility for our words, our actions, and our choices.

Some of this will come naturally to some of you. For others of you, this might not be easy- AT FIRST. We can all grow our brains and our abilities with hard work and practice. Growth mindset! Ask for help, help each other, celebrate growth.

Our mentor texts:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; Wonder; and Number the Stars

We will be reading more advanced texts. We will learn to examine a text for its origin, purpose, limitations, and values. We will see how the writer uses techniques to make us feel. We will learn to compare and contrast works by finding common threads and identifying them. We will be finding differences and supporting our claims with evidence.

Doing this will help us as writers! We will learn to make critical points, to cite our evidence, and to analyze it. We will even learn to cross-reference. Our vocabulary will be polished, our punctuation will be nearly perfect, our mechanics will shine, our grammar will be fabulous. We will become master editors.

As always, when we are done, we will celebrate! We will publish and we will party!