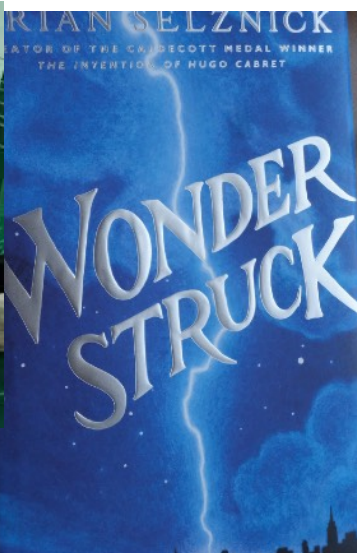
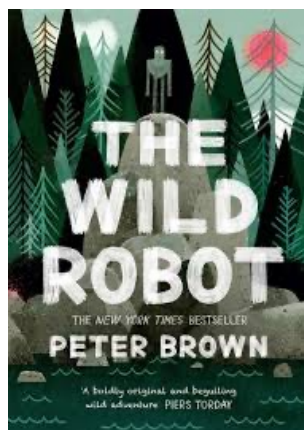


Welcome to English! Please consider me to be a resource and a guide. We are going to learn together, from and with each other.



3rd Grade Language Arts

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Our focus will be on building a reading life. We will be learning and developing our sense of self, our voices as writers, and our skills as readers, listeners and peers. Our goals in this class are not confined to these walls. These skills will help you to be successful, well-rounded students and friends. You will learn to think critically, to communicate clearly, and to develop your own, unique voice as a writer.

We will be reading a variety of literary works, writing about those texts, and using what we learn to help inform us as writers.

We will learn a repertoire of strategies to help us grow as writers. We will learn to be excellent editors, using our resources to make our writing shine. We will become storytellers and we will learn to help each other- there is not one teacher in this class, but 22. We will learn to become captains of our writing ships and to do the hard work of starting a second piece.

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 Phantom Tollbooth, The Wild Robot, Wonderstruck

We will be reading a LOT. And we will love it! We will just be reading parts of some of the books (though you are welcome to read more!) and others we will read cover to cover. We will be reading in small groups and independently. We will learn ways to interact with our literature. We will take it apart and put it back together.

Doing this will help us as writers! We will write bit by bit, growing our words, our sentences, our paragraphs and our stories. We will see how professional writers do it and we will learn from them. We will learn to use things like literary devices, mechanics, spelling, and punctuation.

When we are done, we will celebrate! We will publish and we will party!