



REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 13

Grades 6-8 ELA Parent Resources

RSD13 Core Ethical Values: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness & Courage

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT

Literacy Instruction



Regional School District 13 provides every student with the opportunity to participate in a rich literacy environment. This will include direct instruction as well as differentiated instruction to meet students at their level.

Students will participate in:

- Readers' Workshop
- Independent Reading, Book clubs and read alouds
- Conferring, strategy groups
- Writers' Workshop
- Goal Setting

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Readers' Workshop



An instructional model that focuses on the work of the reader. This model balances direct instruction, guided practice and independent practice, as well as, peer collaboration. Students will have choice selecting books in a variety of genres.

What will my child learn?

- Peer assess with guided constructive feedback
- Provide text evidence to support their thinking
- Determine Author's Purpose
- Set reading goals and use checklists
- To read a variety of genres
- To work collaboratively with peers to deepen and extend their thinking

What does a lesson look like?

- Mini-lesson
- Active Engagement
- Conferring
- Peer editing/Revising
- Collaborative Share

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Writers' Workshop



Writers' Workshop is an instructional model that fosters students' independence through an authentic writing process. Students use strategies taught in the mini lesson along with a mentor text to craft their writing. Students draft, revise and edit their writing by conferring with their teacher and peers. The writing process is celebrated at the end of each unit in a variety of ways.

What will my child learn?

- The Writing Process: Plan, Draft, Revise, Edit, Publish
- Narrative Writing
- Informational and Research Writing
- Argument Writing
- To use checklists and set writing goals
- To write for a specific purpose and audience

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Parent Resources



What resources can I use at home to support my child's learning?

<u>Newsela</u>	Informational passages on current events
<u>Google Classroom</u>	Resource for teachers to communicate class assignments to students
<u>Khan Academy</u>	Expert created content and resources for every grade
<u>CommonLit</u>	Free online collection of reading passages
<u>Literacy Apps</u>	Literacy Apps for Older Students
<u>Parents' Guide to Student Success</u>	Information about Common Core State Standards for Parents