

# ELA Newsletter

## English Language Arts & Reading



### Happy Fall Ya'll:

Our Bulldogs have been working hard in their ELA & Reading classes. We welcome October and some fall weather! Please continue to encourage your Bulldog to put forth effort in all he/she may do, focus in class, and complete the task assigned.

### October Focus:

As we move into a new month, new standards will move into the forefront of our teaching and learning. Please see the grade-level breakdown below for some of what your child/children will be focusing on during the month of October as well as ways you can possibly add some learning in at home.

#### 6th Grade:

Focus will be on central idea, informational writing, and proper word choice (figurative language, connotation, and denotation). You can help your Bulldog with this by asking simple questions such as: what was that mostly about (whether talking about a Youtube video, video game narrative, book, article, even a conversation), what's another word you could have used (during a simple conversation or text message), how did that word make you feel (connotation- yes, words have emotions attached and these words are placed into text/speeches/videos to trigger certain emotions).

#### 7th Grade:

Focus will be on text structure, author's purpose, word choice, and determining central ideas. You can help your Bulldog by asking simple questions such as: why do you think the author wrote this, why do you think the YouTuber created this, why did the author choose these words instead of just saying..., what was this mostly about (can be used for Youtube videos, movies, texts, articles, sitcoms, etc).

#### 8th Grade:

Focus will be on vocabulary strategies, main idea and details, and pulling information from different mediums. Students will be using different articles, images, and video clips to explore how authors provide information in different ways (mediums). They will explore how the details provide a deeper understanding of the topic/point. You can assist your Bulldog at home by asking questions such as: what information does that image provide, why do you think the author included this detail, and simply by using advanced vocabulary in conversations.



## Calling ALL Readers- Coming Soon:

- \* Sunshine State Reader Book Battle: This year we will be teaming with Pasco Middle and Centennial Middle for our Book Battle. This fun battle allows us to “compete” with our neighboring schools not just on the fields and courts, but through books. More information to come.
- \* If you ask, you shall receive: New books will be magically appearing on a media shelf near you. Be sure to tune into the News for Mrs. Drury’s updates on new arrivals.

**“Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No Excuses” - Kobe Bryant**

## Let’s celebrate our September ELA Students of the Month:

The students listed below have shown their teachers true Bulldog spirit whether on campus or online (V). These students are being recognized for their hard work and determination. Way to go Bulldogs! A special thanks to WAWA Zephyrhills for the donations of water bottles and treats for our students. Your contribution to our celebration of these “Top ELA Dogs” is truly appreciated.

**6**

Kaitlyn Molina  
Shakur Johnson  
Syer Morffy  
Baylan Serrano

**7**

Emma Culpepper  
Clara Watson  
Audrianna Cook  
Colin O’Malley  
Kylie Meszaros

**8**

Bryce Reeves  
Alyssa Ricciardo  
Allison McCullough  
Dane Fonslet  
Sean Dobbins

**V**

Mia Irizarry  
Darnell Jones  
Mariya Varghese  
Daniel Jones  
Emilie Geiger  
Gio Fernandez-Ramputi  
Lilly (Uva) Mason  
Ilyza Greene

### READING CORNER:

Did you know that any student enrolled in Intensive Reading is also enrolled in Achieve3000- an online program that can accelerate literacy 3.5X what’s expected over the course of a single school year. The best part is, it’s available to our Reading students 24/7. It is compatible with almost all devices, even cell phones.

Reading students simply sign into PascoConnect and click on the Achieve3000 app. There are plenty of activities available for your child to select from- teachers may have assigned some articles as well.

Please reach out to any Reading teacher for additional support. You can also attend our upcoming Community Connections Night (Oct. 8th) for a Zoom specific to Achieve3000.

