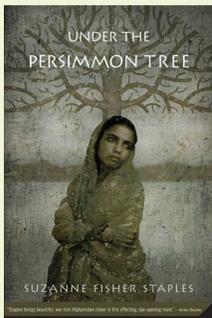


MONTHLY UPDATE - ELA OCTOBER

Happy fall! Our first unit is well underway, and students have been working on strengthening several ELA skills. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.



Reading

Students just finished reading our first novel, *Under the Persimmon Tree*. As they were reading, students focused on determining the meaning of vocabulary using context clues, how conflict can influence character development, and symbolism.

Writing

So far, students have been graded on their posts on the 8 Blue Reading Blog. Soon, they will be writing an expository essay where they analyze the facts behind the novel. We will focus on using transitions to connect ideas and on using varied sentence structure. Look for the scores and writing goals towards the end of November or early December.

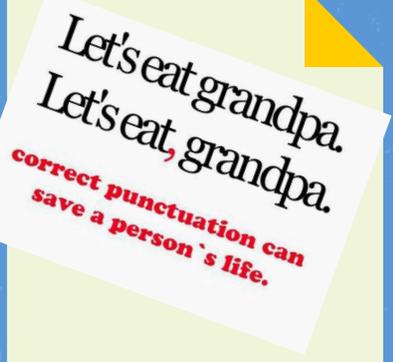


Extensions

Many parents have been asking for additional practice for their child. Here are some ideas:

*Grammar - Have child complete practice exercises on noredink.com

*Reading - Once we start using the app LightSail, have child select books with higher lexile numbers.



Other Information

Extra help - Mondays or Thursdays 2:30-3:15. Please have your son/daughter tell me if they are planning to stay.

Retakes - Are available for all final assessments. Students must meet with me for extra help and complete the retake by the deadline.