

Language Arts Navigate

Grades 3-5

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So much to do... So little time!



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ELA Navigate Schedule

GRADE 3

Willowbrook: Fridays, 9:15-10:15

Wescott: Tuesdays, 9:15-10:15

GRADE 4

Willowbrook: Wednesdays and Fridays, 2-3

Wescott: Mondays and Tuesdays, 2-3

GRADE 5

Willowbrook: Fridays 10:15-11:15*

Wescott: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-2

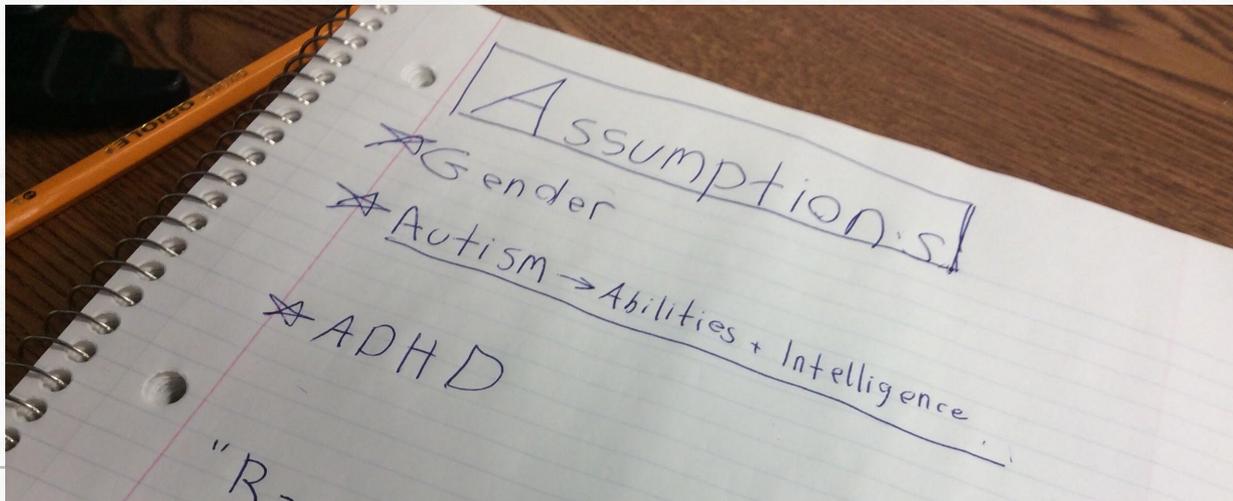
*alternative schedule

Report Cards and Conferences

- Conferences scheduled for February (during district conference dates)
- Two report cards:
 - Checklist in January
 - Checklist and comments in June

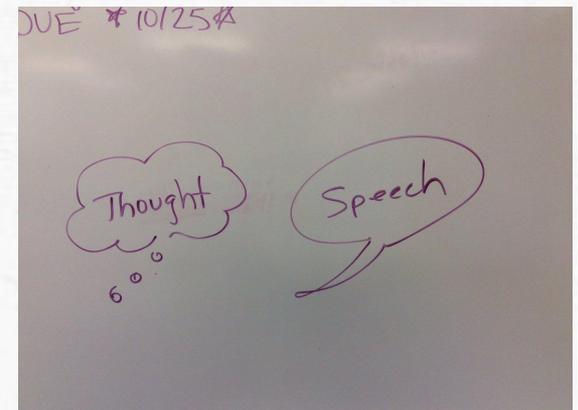
Why Kids Need Navigate

- Academic:
 - Learning at appropriate pace
 - Complexity of concepts
 - Depth of exploration

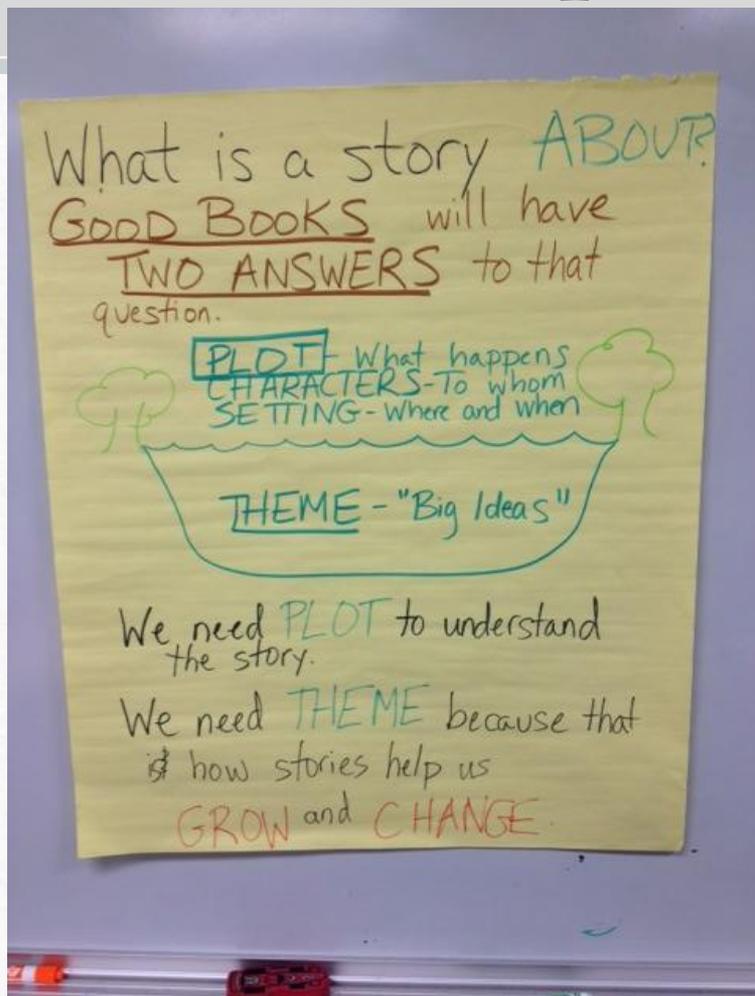


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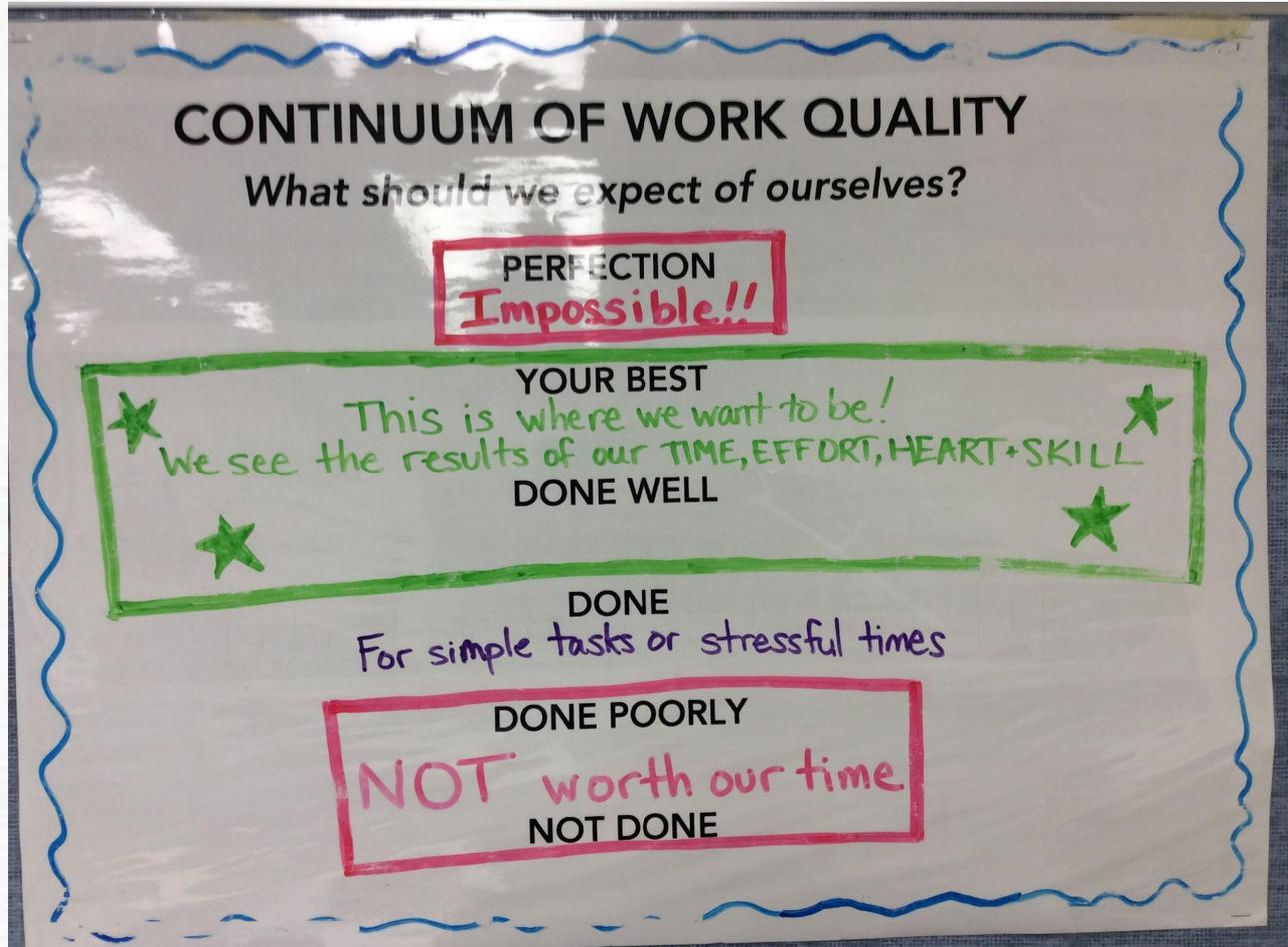
- Social-Emotional
(Same fish, different pond!)
 - Experience with challenges
 - Peers who “get us”
 - Permission to be mistaken
 - Permission to struggle
 - Exploration of what it means (and doesn't mean!) to be smart



Emphasis on...



- Reading thematically, figuratively, metaphorically
- Being articulate in our speaking and writing
- Engaging in scholarly debate
- Being good people!



Work Quality Continuum

“What Books Will We Read?”

Shift from emphasis on whole-class novels

Group will balance working with shared text and engaging in independent study

What will that look like?

That depends on your child, and where the learning takes him/her!

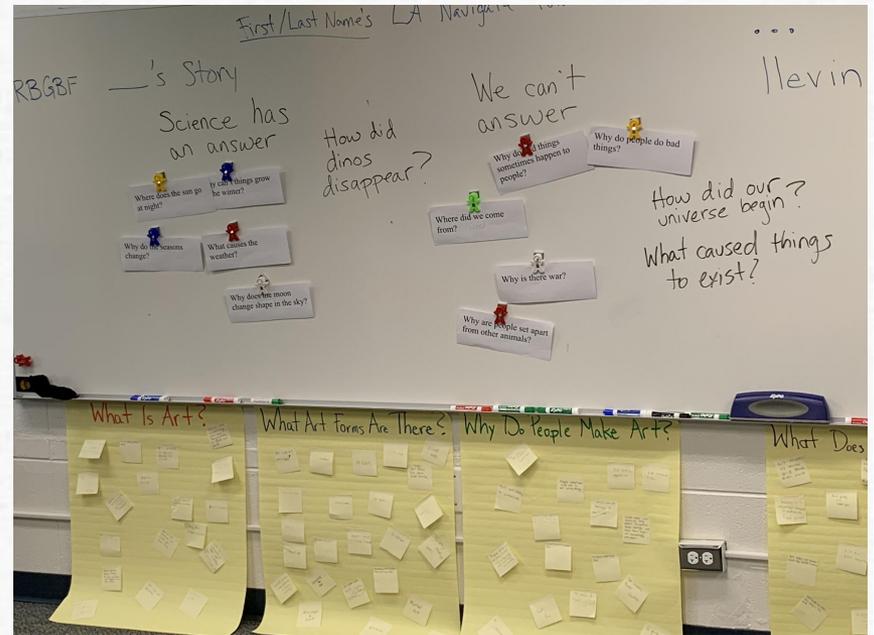
Navigate Curriculum

Grade 3: One World: Exploring Big Stories

Focus is on:

World mythology:
Stories of the sun, sky
and stars across history
and culture

Hero's Journey in myth,
legends and modern
literature



Navigate Curriculum

Grade 4: Beyond Words: Exploring the Figurative World

Focus is on:

Art = using tools and techniques to express ourselves and reach our audience

Viewing reading and writing through that artistic lens

Exploring how attention to writer's craft strengthens us as readers and writers

Developing tools and techniques to hone our craft as writers

Navigate Curriculum

Grade 5: Literature: A Mirror to Our World

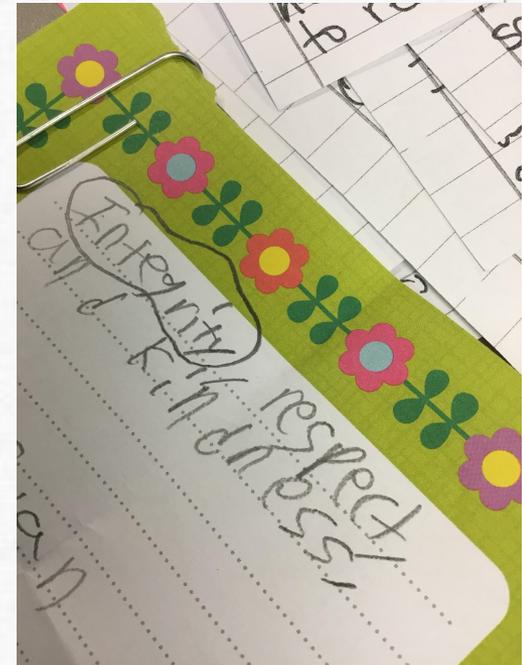
Focus is on:

Who are we? An exploration of identity and values

Works of allegory: how literature and the arts reflect our world view

Writing, writing, writing!

Additional feature: a study of the development of human language, and the evolution of the English language in particular



Schoology

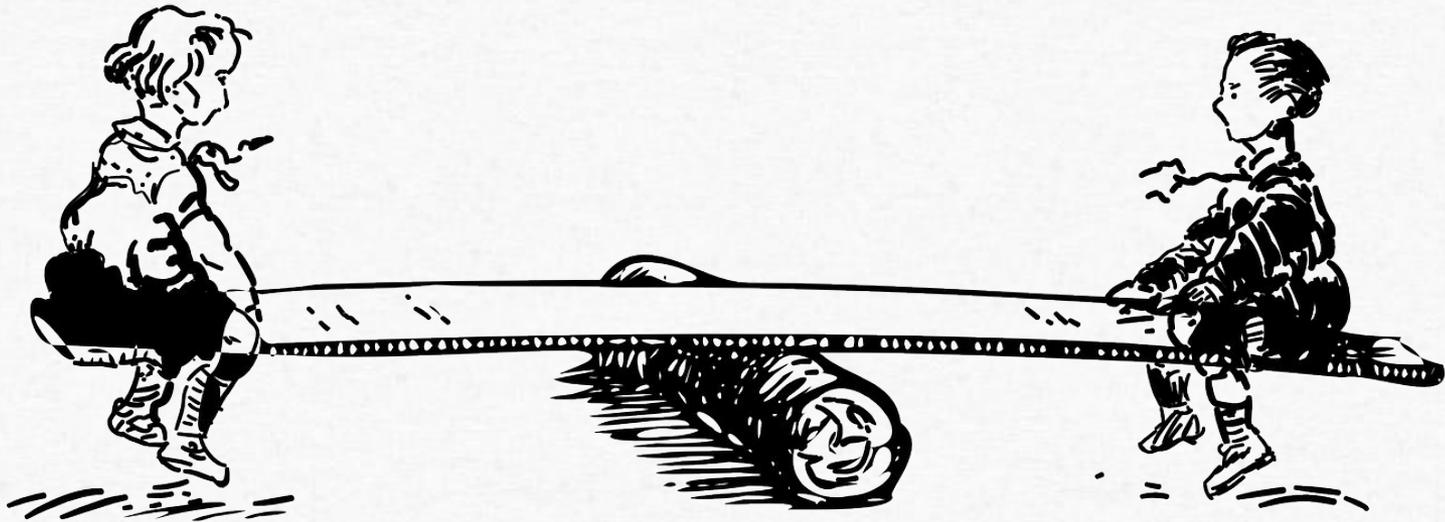
- Students use the Schoology app for:
 - Class resources
 - Announcements
 - Work submission
- Difference between Schoology and Navigate Grading
 - Standards-based grading (Navigate!)
 - Points-based grading (Schoology)
- Bottom line: Read the rubrics, disregard numbers!

Seesaw

- Online portfolio of student work
 - Class activities
 - Projects and comments
- Access pending
- Commenting / “liking”



Homework: Always a Balance



Homework: A Parent's Role

We hope that you as parents will...

Have conversations with your child about his/her learning or homework

Help to spell a word, explain a direction, or offer a pep talk

Contact us if your child seems frustrated with the assignment, Navigate expectations, or if you feel your child's work doesn't represent his/her best effort

Homework Philosophy: Take-Aways

Ideally, an accurate reflection of what a child knows or can do

Homework is assigned when it is meaningful and necessary

Homework should be a reflection of what students know - struggle is okay

Mistakes are okay! Poor effort is not.

Thank You!!