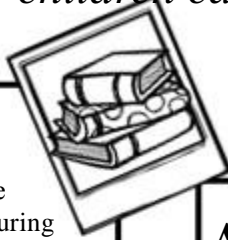


Snapshots of Mrs. Drudy's 3-4 & 5-6 Challenge classes



"We exist so children can excel."

What We're Learning



Whew! That first full week of school was exhausting! I am Mrs. Tamara Drudy and I'm pleased to introduce myself to you as your child's Challenge teacher. I have had the pleasure of teaching a wide range of students and abilities during my 15 year teaching career, including high ability students in self-contained classes. I am also currently teaching 6th grade language arts here at MCS. We are off to a fantastic start this year and I'm certainly enjoying your child.

3-4 challenge

We are knee-deep in the study of *Charlotte's Web*. We will be looking at character traits and finding evidence in the text that supports our ideas. We've also done much with "picking apart" the Morning Message, finding homophones, synonyms, antonyms, multiple meaning words, sentence types, etc. Be sure to ask your child how we do this. We're also delving into cursive writing: An introduction for the third graders and review for the fourth graders.

5-6 challenge

The students are reading *Wonder*, a fantastic story of Auggie Pullman, a child with severe facial anomalies. The story is a collection of narratives told by those who surround him at home and school. As you'd expect, we're discussing characterization and perspective. Be sure to ask your child about his/her open mind portrait.

Important Dates

APPLES Meeting 8/19 @
3:15 p.m.

**MCS Back to School
Dance-8/21**

7:00-9:00 p.m.
\$5.00 admission fee
All students grades 5-8 are welcome to attend.

*Featured Character
Trait of the Month:*
RESPECT

Notes from the Teacher:



For those students who've previously been in the program, perhaps the most significant change that you'll see this year is a reduced at-home workload. I will not be asking students to look up vocabulary words and write sentences. Instead, we take a very pragmatic—yet effective—approach toward learning story vocabulary. Another change you'll see is that *spelling is now handled in your child's general ed. classroom*. This enables your child to be learning the spelling patterns that are required of the Indiana Academic Standards instead of story "vocabulary" words.

August Birthdays

Audrey Weaver-8/8
Kelyn Dallio-8/15
Me, Mrs. Drudy-8/18



Weekly Homework

- Read for at least 20 minutes every single night!
- As a Challenge student, we expect you to also be striving to obtain A.R. points.
- Keep up with any readers response questions that might correspond with your reading assignment (trifold questions if applicable).



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