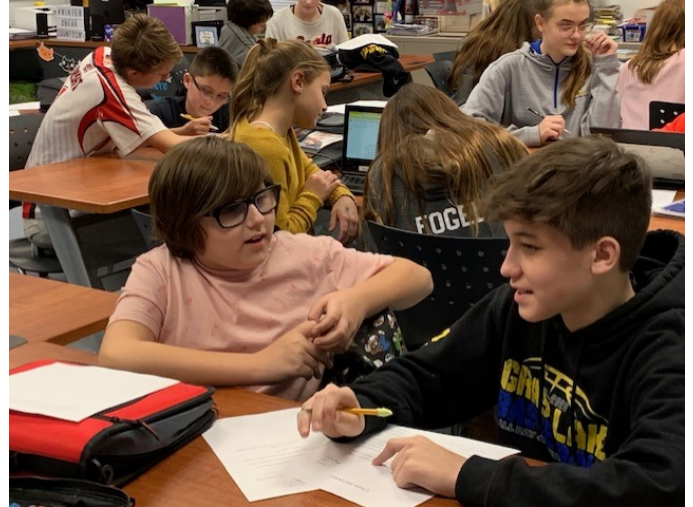


5th and 8th Grade ELA December Newsletter

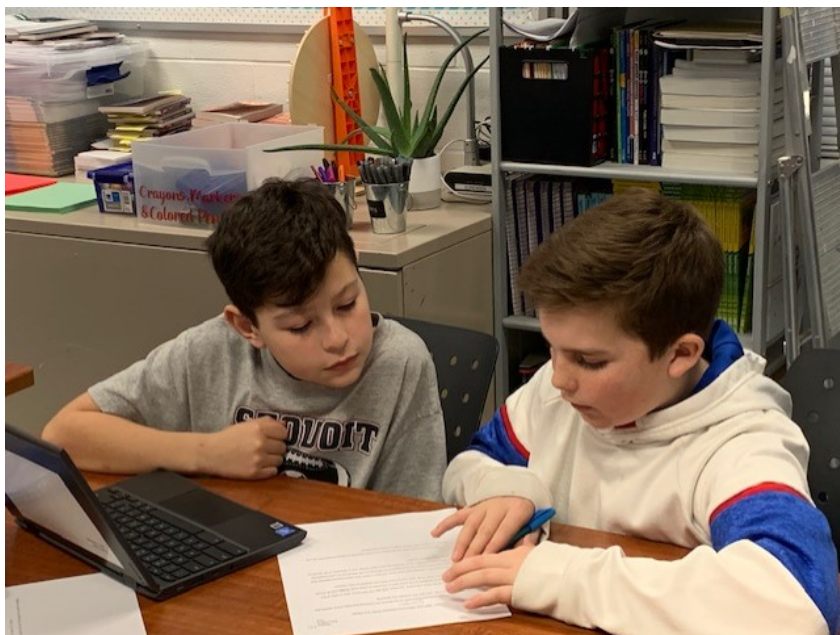


Fifth and Eighth grade students did an amazing job working together on a paper editing project this month. With both whole classes packed into one room, I anticipated a bit of chaos but was so pleasantly surprised

to see that it all went smoothly. Every single student used the time to appropriately complete their assigned



tasks and they seemed to have a lot of fun working together. This might be something we try to do again in the future! I could not possibly be more proud of each



and every one of them!
The fifth grade students had written rough drafts comparing Peter from Because of Mr. Terupt to Chase in Restart. They were both pretty big trouble makers, so we had a lot of fun comparing these two characters! Then



the eighth grade students were paired with the fifth graders to help review their papers and make editing suggestions. It was a great learning experience for fifth grade and a helpful opportunity for eighth grade to practice their editing skills! Fifth grade is now in

the middle of learning about the Titanic and other tragedies to try to figure out why some things are still fascinating to us years later.

December also found us competing in our grade-level spelling bees in each class. Congratulations to the following students who will participate in the all-school spelling bee on Wednesday, January 15!



Fifth grade finalists included Liam, Heath, Gauge, and Blake!
Eighth grade finalists included Ali, Mason, Josh, and Casey!
Good luck to everyone!

Finally, just before we left for break, eighth grade students practiced their speaking skills by researching and presenting on different winter holidays. Everyone did a great job, but Amanda went a step further and taught the whole group how to play the dreidel game! Everyone had a lot of fun learning about and playing this fun game!

