

Eighth Grade ELA

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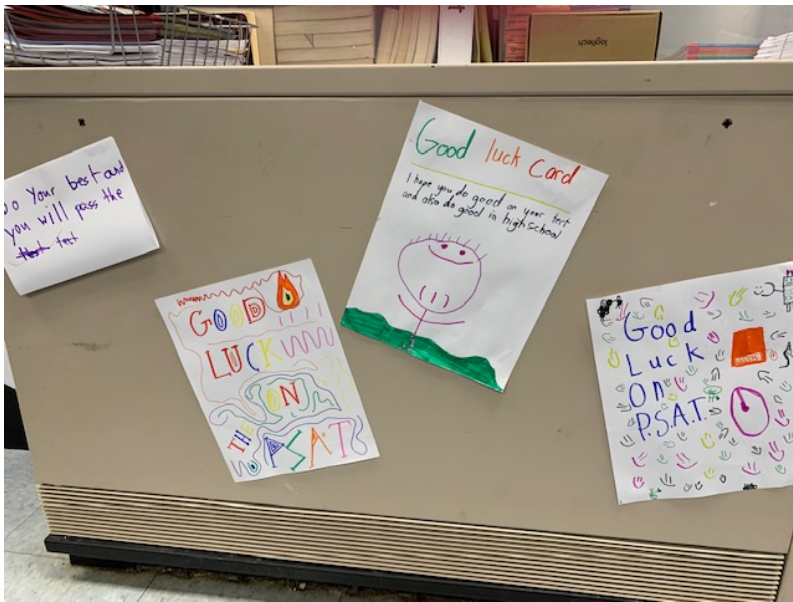


Eighth grade students have been doing quite a bit of reading. We finished The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton and even had the opportunity to compare it to the movie version, as well as rewrite the book's ending. We then started reading Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds. This glimpse into the life of a young boy who is struggling with the "rules" of gang life in

the present day gives a totally different perspective than the 1960's gang life depicted in The Outsiders. We took a brief break from our reading to take the PSAT with ACHS personnel. Scores from this test, scores from Fall & Winter MAP tests, as well as teacher



recommendations will help to determine class placements for next year. Students were pretty stressed out about the prospect of taking such a long and important test, so we started the day off with a breakfast Cat Party to make sure everyone was feeling ready to take on the task!



Fifth grade students were kind enough to help me decorate the room to help encourage the

test takers! After all of the stress of the test (which was mostly reported as being "much easier than anticipated" by the students) we continued our conversations about our future plans as we planned for a trip to tour the Tech Campus at the College of Lake County. Students were





shown a variety of different hands-on programs, such as Auto Repair, Fire Science, Nursing, and Early Childhood Education and were told that once they were high school juniors and seniors, they could enroll and take their afternoon high school courses at the Tech Campus, giving them a jump start on their future careers. It was definitely an eye-opening experience!