ELA Workshop is an Academic Intervention Support (A.I.S) class. Activities, skills, and strategies support not only English class, but all courses that require reading, critical and inferential thinking, independent learning, executive functioning, writing, and vocabulary knowledge. That translates to EVERY class on a Weber student’s schedule!

Mrs. McAuliffe’s Quarter Three Units of Study:

**Grade 6:** The goal this quarter is for each student to improve stamina while reading independently for extended periods. Exploring a variety of texts will give students the opportunity to identify the genre or style of writing that interests them most, and hopefully begin to appreciate the value of reading independently. Students will receive a new workbook, New York Progress, to explore a variety of genres, including adventure stories, science fiction, plays, narrative poems, Web articles, historical fiction and scientific texts. The topics and themes will vary, with two main components as part of each lesson: reading comprehension and writing.

**Grade 7:** Continued Word Study: Spelling rules, word combinations, Latin and Greek roots identified in fiction. Core classroom support: book clubs and research projects. Grade 7 students will conduct their own mini-research to learn the important basics of research, evidence, and written and oral presentations of their data.

**Grade 8:** Research skills, Green 8 Research support class, Writing (mechanics/grammar), public speaking and debate introduction with CNN Student News. Novel: *Party Girl*, by Lynne Ewing

**Grade 8:** Combined Reading Math—Comprehension/Vocabulary strategies and skills through problem-solving and thinking processes that focus on the structural organization of math text ("story problems"). Use of visualization techniques to apply sequential steps to computation of a math story problem. Inferential skills are a component of every lesson. These students will also have reading comprehension support for their core English class novel, *Stargirl*.

Stop monkeying around!
Say What?

**You say:** "I hate to read!"

**I say:** "You don’t hate to read..you hate to be told what to read! When you find an author..."
or genre that you like...that you chose by yourself...you will find that reading is something to LOVE! Perhaps these words of wisdom from Willy Wonka will help you understand why reading is important:

Oompa Loompa doompadee doo
I've got another puzzle for you

Oompa Loompa doompadah dee
If you are wise you’ll listen to me
What do you get from a glut of TV?
A pain in the neck and an IQ of three
Why don’t you try simply reading a book?
Or could you just not bear to look?

You’ll get no, you’ll get no, you’ll get no, you’ll get no....
You’ll get no commercials!

I am always available for you. Email me if you need suggestions, edit help, and/or just to chat!

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