

Topic/Unit Planner

Teacher (s): Pickard
Subject: English

Grade: 8
Est. Timeframe: March

Topic/sub-topics	Essential Learning	Standards	Performance Assessment	Strategies
<p>Read Across America Week</p> <p>Women in History month</p> <p>Money-Smart Kids essay contest</p> <p>Introduce Multi-media project</p>	<p>Understandings (SWUT): (Students will understand that...)</p> <p>Selecting books never goes out of style and reading at all ages is important</p> <p>Our nation has enjoyed a variety of women in various fields that have made major contributions.</p> <p>In tough economic times, families must regroup to save money for college later.</p> <p>They can tell a story using sound and images</p>	<p>3A3 3C3a</p>	<p>Visit the Literacy Center and choose an “old favorite” Write a review of the book and connect with the literature on a personal basis in the written review</p> <p>Write a letter to a woman you admire and discuss your take on her life.</p> <p>Write an essay that points out strategies family can use to save money.</p> <p>Create an iMovie using original sound and images that tells the story of one grade level in our school</p>	<p>Design an attractive piece that can hang in the Primary hallway</p> <p>Use “Among Women” by Alice Walker as a starting point, Brainstorm lists of women in may fields. Select someone you know and admire.</p> <p>Prize money will be awarded for the best essay. Use technology and work in a group. (continue in April)</p>
<p>Major Resources:</p> <p>Library, Literacy Center book collections</p> <p>Word processed letters, envelopes, stamps</p> <p>Class discussion on the economy and personal finance; handout from bank exec.</p>	<p>Skills (SWBAT): (Students will be able to...)</p> <p>Read an old favorite and write a review that will engage a younger audience. Students will read their favorites to first graders.</p> <p>Write a good letter using correct form and composing well-organized content</p> <p>Write a persuasive essay on family approach to personal finance.</p>			