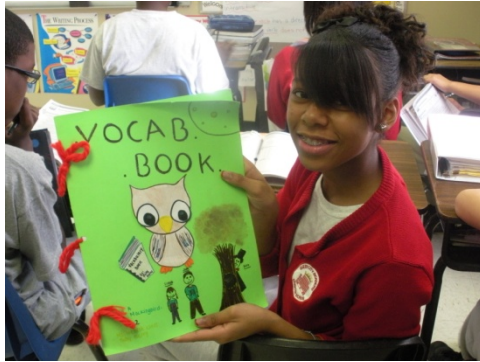


Yale University

Mrs. Gal I ucci ' s 8th Grade ELA

*The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires.* -William A. Ward-



Philosophy: Our classroom is a community that has different cultures, races, multi-intelligences, and ethnic groups. It is a safe and social place where our students, teachers, and families actively work together. There is respect and structure. Our differences are embraced and encouraged. The goal in our classroom is to come together; to learn and grow socially, emotionally, and academically in order to develop into creative, critical thinkers who will be successful in whatever we choose to become.

Curriculum: Our theme of study this year is human identity and the human spirit; focusing on the genres: dramas and memoirs. Our novel studies will focus around the following novels:

- ✚ *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry
- ✚ *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
- ✚ *When I was Puerto Rican*, by Esmeralda Santiago
- ✚ *Night*, by Elie Wiesel
- ✚ *An Ordinary Man*, by Paul Rusesabagina
- ✚ *The Sonnets*, by Shakespeare
- ✚ *Romeo and Juliet*, by Shakespeare

Other areas of focus will be vocabulary, grammar and different styles of writing focusing on, Persuasive, expository, and speculative forms.