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Ms. Potter's English and Literature

“It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.” – Rainer Maria Rilke

6th Grade

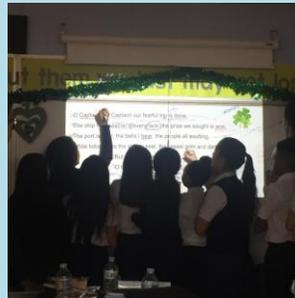
We are continuing our study of grammar with sentence structure and identifying parts of a sentence. As the year winds down, we'll also be working some creative writing into the mix for English. This will work well with the plans for literature, which includes delving deeper into plot analysis and story structure. We'll be using the books *Holes* and *Eggs* to guide this, and character studies and interpreting figurative language will play a large role in this. We'll be doing this through the lens of a unit on what it means to be a hero by studying some famous literary and real-life examples. We'll be continuing our vocabulary study as well, and the final project will be to redesign a book cover.

7th Grade

In 7th grade, we are accelerating the grammar study so that we'll be fully prepared for the rigors of writing that 8th grade will bring. We are wrapping up a unit on dystopian literature by writing an essay on the society we'd most like to join, and then we'll segue into our historical fiction unit, using *The Color of My Words* and *Turtle in Paradise*. Finally, we'll continue to work on preparation for our 20 year high school reunion project – resumes are almost done; business cards and biographies are up next!

8th Grade

The 8th grade is keeping very busy as we wrap up our time at St. Peter's. We're doing a lot of hands-on writing to be prepared for high school – poem analyses, political speeches, annotated bibliographies, and more! We're finishing up Shakespeare by reading *Julius Caesar* and designing Brutus's and Antony's political campaigns and playing around with Shakespearean insults. Then we'll move into the horror-themed unit with *Things Not Seen*, and *Frankenstein*, with some special appearances by *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and the *Rolling Stones*. We'll also simultaneously be preparing our TED talks, on which we already have some very interesting topics!



About Me:

My name is Haley Potter, and this is my fifth year teaching at St. Peter's. I am also a graduate of St. Peter's, so it is a great experience to be back as a teacher! I attended Villanova University and graduated with degrees in English and Honors, as well as a concentration in writing and rhetoric and minors in Spanish, sociology, and gender and women's studies. I just received my master's in leadership in teaching, and I'm now looking into a second master's degree to keep myself busy! I love to read, and both creative and informative writing have always been passions, so I'm very happy to be able to share those interests with my students!

