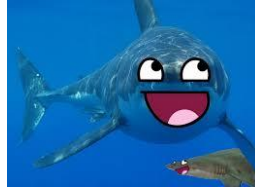


## ELA Syllabus



### Quarter 1: Theme ~ Survival

**Reading:** Fiction - I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916 by Lauren Tarshis  
Nonfiction - 'Saving the Great White Monster' by Lauren Tarshis  
'Out of the Tornado' by Lauren Tarshis,  
Endangered Animals

**Writing:** We will be responding to informational text and writing a Research Report/Project.

\* Narrative Writing will also be included throughout the year with a focus on the 6 Traits; Idea Development, Organization, Conventions, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Voice.

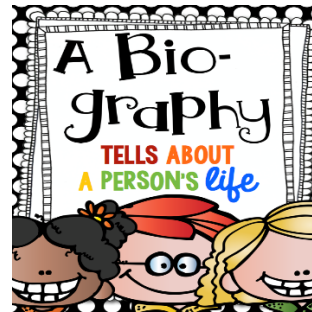
### Quarter 2: Theme ~ Changes Over Time



**Reading:** Fiction - Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz - Ryan

Nonfiction - 'Do kids Really Need Cell Phones?' 'Should Matt Get a Smart Phone?' 'Is Fast Food Good for You to Eat?'

**Writing:** We will be responding to text and writing and an Opinion Essay.



## Quarter 3: Theme ~ Biography

**Reading:** Fiction - Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Nonfiction - We will be introducing a diverse selection of biographies on inspirational/historical individuals.

**Writing:** We will be responding to a wide variety of literature and we will be writing a Personal Narrative.



## Quarter 4: Theme ~ Changing World

**Reading:** Fiction - Books by Jean Craighead George ~ One Day in the Tropical Rainforest, One Day in the Prairie, One Day in the Desert, One Day in the Woods

Nonfiction - Varied and numerous texts on habitats will be introduced ~ Rainforest, Tundra, Taiga, Ocean, Coniferous Forest, etc...

'The Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius' by Lauren Tarshis

'The Volcano that Changes the World' by Lauren Tarshis

**Writing:** Students will continue to be immersed in a wide selection of literature as we continue to respond to text and strengthen our research skills.