

## **ELA ASSESSMENTS**

### **Formative Assessments:**

- K-W-L charts to determine student prior knowledge & use of relevant Connections
- Graphic Organizers
- Post-it responses
- Independent reading
- Reading and Writing conferencing feedback and notes
- Peer writing conferences
- Thumbs up, thumbs down, in the middle
- Game activities
- Teacher-made pretests, observation/checklist
- Checking for understanding activities (Exit Slips)

### **Summative Assessments:**

- Standards-based common assessments
- End of unit assessments
- Writing pieces
- Spelling Tests
- Writing Portfolios
- Book reports

### **Benchmarks:**

- Quizzes
- Homework
- Skill-based software progress reports (i.e. IXL)

### **Extension Activities:**

**Novel Studies**

-Students complete packets made for every class novel to develop their comprehension skills. Packets include the following skills: target vocabulary, summarizing, theme, sequencing, key details, character analysis, and compare and contrast questions. Packets are written with NJSLA in mind and are worded to mimic test questions.

**Umbrella Lessons**

-After reading each novel in the umbrella students will complete an accompanying lesson. Tables create post it note check-ins on how each novel relates to the theme. Students are then given writing prompt connections to each unit to develop on demand writing and to continue developing their craft.

**Word Study**

-Greek and Latin Roots and Analogy lessons weekly to help students understand the connections between words. Students are given various methods to test their skills including matching, creating sentences, and true or false questions. Students aim to determine the relationship between words.