

CANDLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL



Message from Principal Andrew Greene

1st Quarter 2013

I hope this finds you getting ready for the holiday season!

Based on questions that I have received from parents, I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify a few important items.

As you know, NYS has raised the bar with the Common Core Standards and the assessments that measure a student's progress against those standards. All students who will be taking these assessments are held to the same standard regardless of the class that they are in. With regards to Special Education students, they receive accommodations that are designed to help them meet the standards, but the standards cannot be modified since that would leave students at a disadvantage when they have to take the state assessments. As you know accommodations do not alter the grade level standards but modifications fundamentally alter the grade level expectations.

In addition, there is a difference between differentiation of instruction and program modifications. Differentiation of instruction is a teacher's response to the learner's needs guided by some general principles: respectful tasks, flexible grouping and ongoing assessments and adjustment. Teachers can differentiate content, process and product according to a student's readiness, interests, and learning profile. This is done through strategies such as tiered lessons, varying organizers and small group instruction. DI strategies enable students to meet the same academic standard, but with different types of scaffolding to help them achieve success.

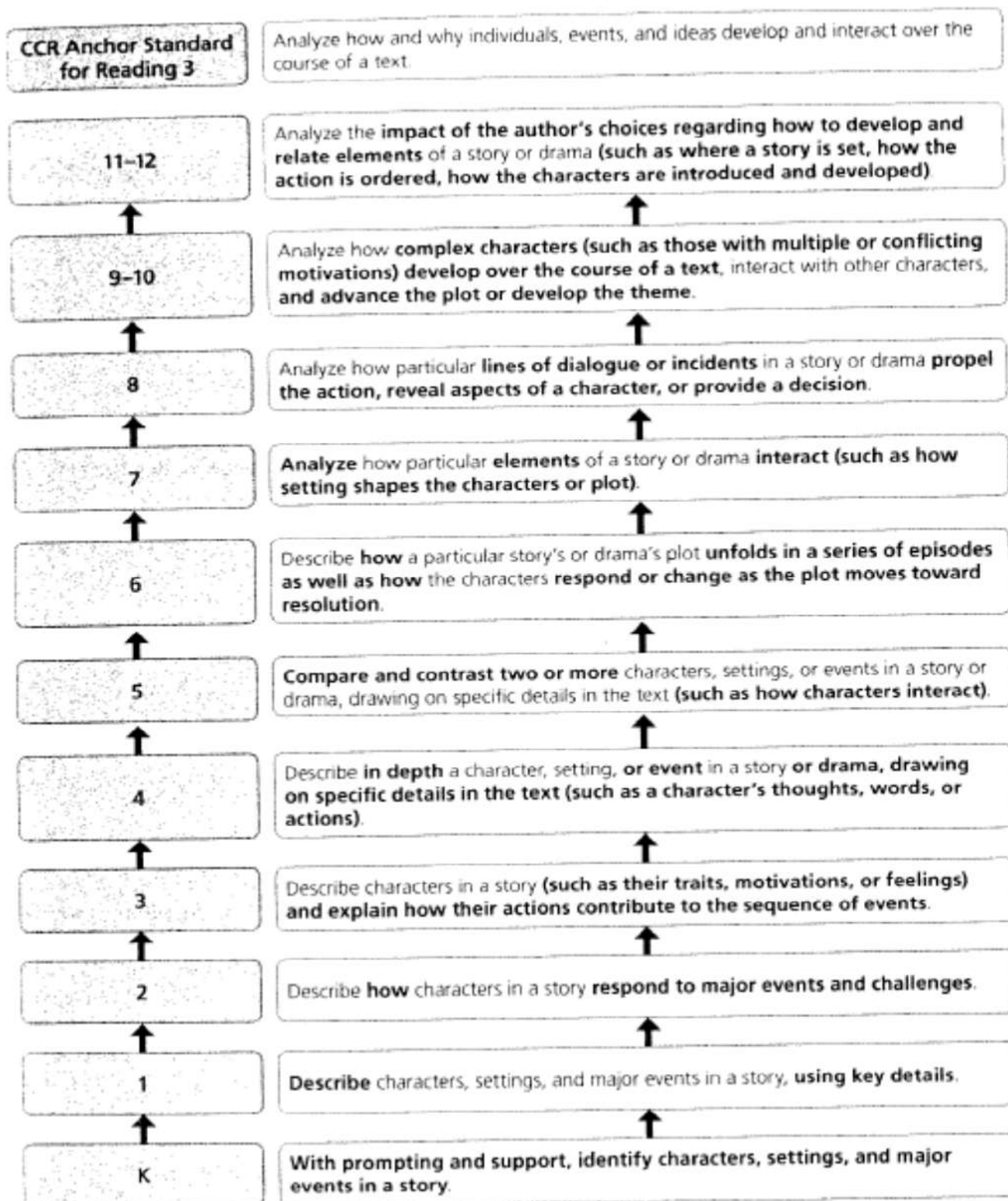
At Candlewood, we fully realize the stress and anxiety that students are now facing with the increased rigor that NYS has demanded. I can assure you, we will do whatever we can to help students meet the standards that all children are now accountable for mastering.

I encourage you to continue looking at the teacher's eboard for support material, links, and exemplars that will enable you to work with your child in areas where they may struggle.

Finally, since the standards are built on a learning progression, I have included an example of one for ELA (standards for Reading are not included) and one for math (page 2 and 3). As you will see, the same concept gets progressively more difficult as students' progress through the grades.

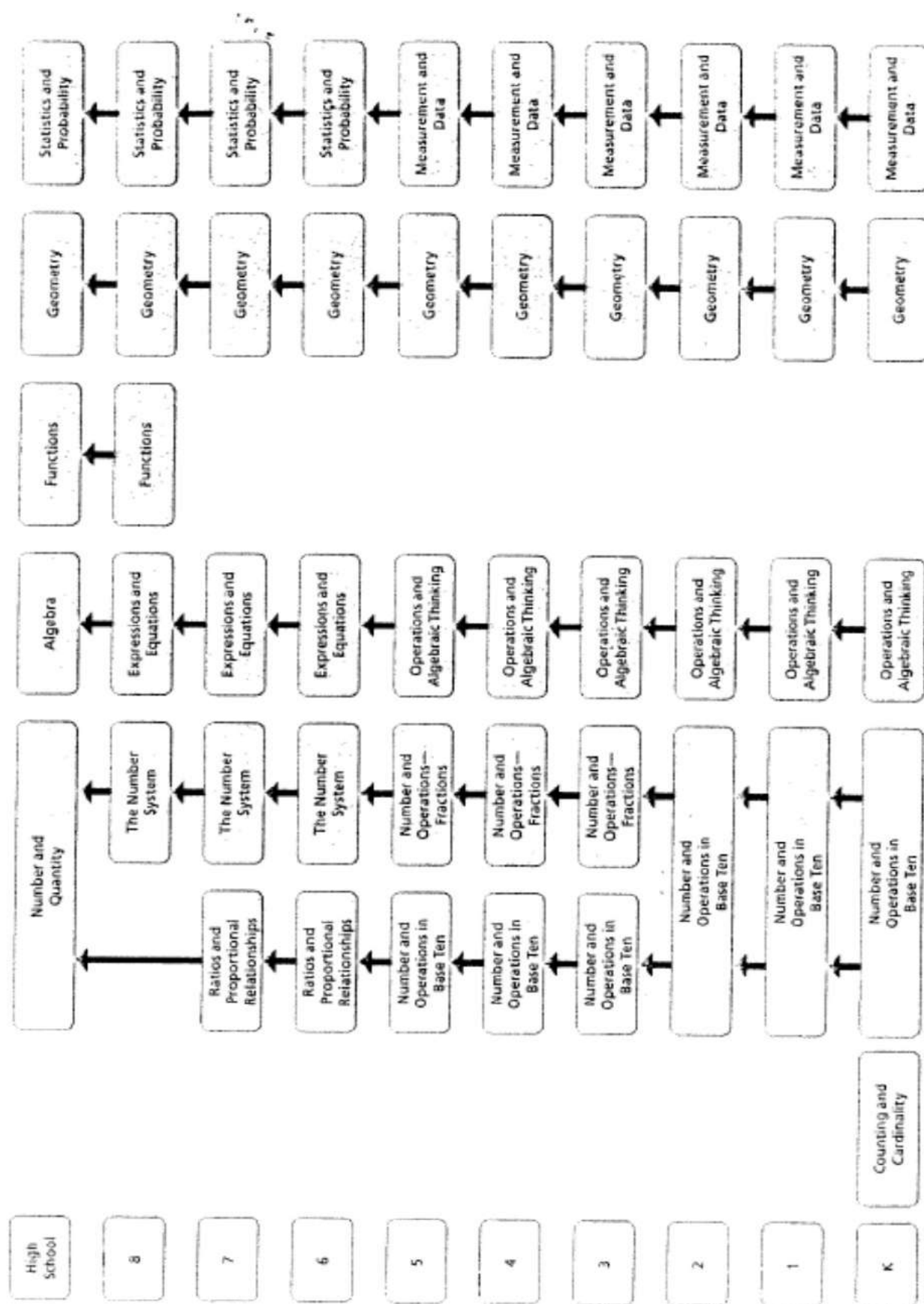
WISHING ALL CANDLEWOOD FAMILIES
A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
FROM CANDLEWOOD ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF!





Source: Adapted from Wiggs, 2011, p. 32. Presented by permission of The Leadership and Learning Center, © 2012. Copy only with permission.

Figure 1.3: Learning progression in ELA.



Source: Adapted from Wiggins, 2011, p. 47.

Figure 1.4: Learning progressions in the mathematics CCSS.



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We're on the Web!

hhh.k12.ny.us

Winter Concerts

Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 pm

Chorus 6th Grade

Orchestra 7th & 8th Grade

Wednesday, December 11th at 7:30 pm

Concert Choir

Band 8th Grade

Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30 pm

Band 6th Grade

Orchestra 6th Grade

Thursday, December 19th at 7:30 pm

Treble Choir

Band 7th Grade

Jazz Band

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2013

11 PTA Meeting at 9:30 am

13 2nd Quarter Interim

16 BOE Meeting at 8:00 pm at Paumanok

12-23

1-1-14 Winter Recess—School Closed

January 2014

13 BOE Meeting at 8:00 pm at Forest Park

14 PTA Meeting at 9:30 am

20 Martin Luther King Jr.—School Closed

21 Tryouts All Middle School Winter II sports

31 2nd Quarter Marking Period ends

February 2014

10 BOE Meeting at 8:00 pm at Signal Hill

12 PTA Meeting at 9:30 am

17—21 Winter Recess—School Closed

CANDLEWOOD FALL MUSICAL

Disney's High School Musical Jr.

Saturday, December 7th at 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 pm

Tickets are available for pre-sale purchase.

Contact Mrs. Valerie Levy at

vlevy@hhh.k12.ny.us for tickets in advance

of show. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Price for tickets:

\$10.00 Adults

\$ 5.00 Children and Senior Citizens

Free for Senior Citizens with a Gold Senior Citizen Card



A MESSAGE FROM THE CANDLEWOOD PTA

Hello Candlewood Families! We hope that everyone had a great start to the school year. The Candlewood PTA would like to thank everyone for their constant support in our fundraising efforts. Through your support we are able to bring in many programs that our children can enjoy.

PTA MEETING:

As always, join us at our monthly PTA meetings where you will learn so much that is happening here at CW and around the district. You'll be glad you came. We will be having a presentation at our next meeting, **from the HHH Public Library**. They will be showing us all that is available at the library and in their website. We urge everyone to attend this very informative meeting.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday December 11th at 9:30 AM** in the Library.

APPAREL: Our apparel has been a big hit with children, parents and staff. We have a new Candlewood Cougar T-Shirt. For order forms or more information please contact Caryn Landow 643-4449 or go to the Candlewood PTA website.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is always open. Your support helps us to provide many opportunities for our children such as Arts In Education programs. Individual Memberships are \$10 & Family Memberships are \$15. For Membership Forms go to the Candlewood website or contact Elyse Rafal-Epstein 667-2962.

HELPING HANDS: We are always looking for people who would like to give a little time when we have different events going on in the building. Whether you can give us 5 minutes or a couple of hours we would love to see you come and help out. If you are interested in being a part of Helping Hands or need a little more information you can contact Alyssa Abulencia 864-0036.

*On behalf of the
Candlewood PTA Executive Committee
Enjoy a Wonderful Holiday Season!*

Warmest Regards,

Amy Stone

Candlewood PTA President

VISIT THE CANDLEWOOD PTA WEBSITE:

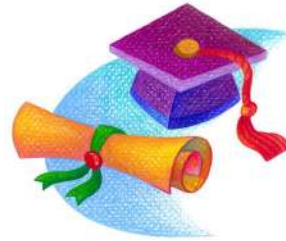
www.candlewoodpta.org

YEARBOOK ADS

Order your 2014 Candlewood Yearbook today! Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and use school code 4572. This is the only way to guarantee that your child gets a yearbook in June.

You can forward any pictures you have of school activities to the following email address: candlewoodyearbook@gmail.com or upload them to the following website www.hjeshare.com using school code 4572. We may use some of your photos in the yearbook.

Please see the form on Page 9 with important information regarding placing an ad or a personal message for your 8th grader in the 2013-2014 yearbook.



8th Grade Tree

Once again we had the pleasure of having Cathy Russell in to the Art rooms. Mrs. Russell is the artist who has been designing our 8th grade trees which adorn the hallways near the main office. Mrs. Russell had students working with clay to create the tiles which give the tree, or in the case of this year, topiary its character. Students roll out a slab of clay and make an impression in the clay using the soles of their shoes. The slabs are then cut to fit the theme of the tree. Mrs. Russell will be back in December to glaze the tiles and finish the tree. Once Mrs. Russell has completed the tree all the 8th grade students sign their names on the tree. We can't wait to see the final tree which will be unveiled at the annual Art Exhibit in May.

Mrs. Karen Andres
Art Teacher

Institute of Creative Problem Solving

In May the LI Young Scholars of Mathematics competition was held at SUNY Old Westbury. Five students from our district performed at a top honoree level. 950 top ranking students from school districts on Long Island participated in this competition and 80 students were selected to be in this top honoree category. This distinction implies that they are among the top one-tenth of one percent in math of all students on Long Island in his or her grade level. Three of those students are Candlewood students.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Danielle Fulep—8th Grade
Gilbert Spencer—8th Grade
David Tang—8th Grade



STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM

Since October 2006 I have been running the Study Buddy Program. The Program runs during all lunch periods. It offers peer academic support to Candlewood students seeking to improve their academic skills. Students are matched academically with a volunteer peer tutor from the National Junior Honor Society, under the supervision of Mr. Andrew Black. Thanks to the gracious cooperation of Mrs. Diane Bishop, Candlewood students have a “meeting of the minds,” in the school library. The students are able to find each other in the cafeteria thanks to Ms. Peggy Jansson. Study Buddies is a collaborative effort that is improving students’ self esteem, providing social interaction and enhancing academic success. The program has made a significant impact and will continue through the enthusiastic efforts of our Candlewood students who truly are “the best of the best.”

Ms. Jodi E. Cohen, Guidance Counselor

Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Candlewood Middle School is sponsoring a Thanksgiving pie and bread fundraiser with the help of White Post Farms in Melville. Thank you to all those who participated and ordered the variety of delicious pies and scrumptious jumbo breads! They will be available for pickup on Wednesday, November 27th in front of Candlewood's main office, anytime from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. A special thanks to the PTA for their continuous support in making this another Candlewood success!

Mrs. Katz and Ms. Javaherfoush

Two Candlewood students co-authored "Seven Days with Carole", a book which celebrates the life of Carole Robertson who died in the Birmingham church bombing. They are among teen members of the Jack and Jill of America organization. This is one of the oldest African American organizations that has offered to sell the book from its website and the proceeds of the book sales will be donated to Jack and Jill's Foundation.

Congratulations and Great Job to:

Brianna Hutchinson

Kiara Starling

MESSAGE TO CANDLEWOOD PARENTS:

As a reminder, we do not interrupt classes to call a student to the main office or to notify them to retrieve an item unless it is an emergency. The protocol we like to follow is calling students during lunch periods. Our goal is to protect academic time as much as possible.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Andrew Greene, Principal

Candlewood Middle School Abstractions

AD ORDER FORM

Attention Parents!

If you would like to place an ad for your business or write a personal message for your 8th grader in the 2013-2014 yearbook, please choose one of these two ways.

Method 1: Design your ad online including your own pictures, message and artwork; and pay with credit card. Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and use the online ordering system. Direct all questions to the yearbook company, Herff Jones. **Online Ads can be created until March 1st, 2014.**

Method 2: Have the yearbook team design your ad for you. Complete this form and return it, along with a check payable to ***Candlewood Yearbook***, to Mrs. Stanco or Mrs. Berke by **January 17, 2014.**

Due to printing deadlines, **NO** ads can be accepted after March 1.

Ad Prices 2013-2014

Full page: \$160

Half page: \$90

Quarter page: \$60

Business card: \$40

Name (of person placing ad): _____

Email Address: _____ Ad Size: _____

Directions: Use the lines below for your ad or personal message. Please write neatly.

****Ads or messages that require a specific layout should not use this form and should be purchased on-line at www.yearbookordercenter.com****
