

Coolaphonic Language Arts from the Diva

This year in Language Arts students will be surfing through the various waves of communication. Some of the waves will be beach breaks like the ones in Florida where I spend my summers, others will be like the bull section tubes seen in Australia (a bit over whelming but with much practice - manageable). The most exciting of these waves will be the ones students ride with success. Some of the successes will be easy while others will be challenging.

We will swim through what feels like the shark infested waters of grammar, research, reading and writing essays. If students honestly try, think, practice and listen, what they thought were sharks swimming around them will turn out to be just friendly dolphins.

My ultimate goal is for students to make connections...to their world (via letters, skype, blogs?)...to themselves (what does it mean to me?) and to other subject areas (you mean we have to write in other classes?). Students will be diving for shells (knowledge) into the ocean of the Internet, life (service-learning and world events discussions) and library research. Using the shells (knowledge) they retrieve from their dives, students will write essays, journals and poetry.

I don't want to see any student wipe out or bail, but it may happen. I will try to update Progress Book more than what is required by the school, but please feel to email me anytime. I am kind of known as an email "geek". I like to email parents about upcoming events, projects, successes and problems. You can also "hook" me via the planner or phone.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school or via e-mail. Mary.moore@foresthills.edu.

Hang loose,

Ms. Mary M. Moore

Definitions: **Diva:** woman over 40 who surfs **Coolaphonic:** the coolest of cool

TOPICS

Internet Safety

Teen Issues

Cyberbullying

Me --- World...what is the connection?

40 Things you need to know about the next 40 years (research???)

Poetry...really??...YES!

I'm sure I will be inspired by something I read to maybe change one of these or add more!!!

We will be practicing our research, reading & writing skills with it all!!!

GRADES	MATERIALS
Homework (usually used the next day in class) Writing (drafts & finals) Possible quizzes PROJECTS ☺ Book assignments	Composition book, folder, pen (green)/pencils Many novels of your choice TBA novels



"Beneath-the-sea" information

Beginning my 22nd year of teaching Language Arts in the FHSD is exciting...it seems like yesterday I was at UC or NKU (where I earned my Bachelor's and Master's degrees). My husband, Scott, and I have two beautiful (I'm not just saying that) daughters...Zoe is in 7th grade and Koren is in 2nd. We have 2 Shih-tzus named Maya and Annie, a Weimeraner named Liesel and a cat named Gypsy. Yes, the children, animals and school do keep me very busy, however, I do have other interests...cooking, reading and surfing the net to name a few.

Random facts

When I was a child I used to pretend to have funerals for my dolls (family business: funeral homes). I am still friends with 2 women I met at age 3. My husband and I met in high school. My favorite poet is Maya Angelou. I prefer to read 1st time authors. Art intrigues me, although I can't draw. I love Science! Below are pictures from my summer.



Octopus



Squid



Manatee