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| **Grade 8 ELA – April 20th-27th** | |
| **Reading**  **and Viewing**  **Books** | * **Critical reading focus –** Reading like a writer (persuasive texts) * Professional Persuasive Writers  1. Rick Reilly – “Keep Skeleton in the Closet” 2. Mitch Albom – “A Senseless Death in Our Age of Anger”  * Student Writers (examples of persuasive essays written by grade 8 students)  1. “Bike Lanes” 2. “A Deep Dive Into the Plastic Bag Crisis”  * **Personal reading**– As we move into reading more persuasive texts, do not feel that you need to abandon your personal reading. Even as I’ve been doing more reading of the news lately, I still make time to read my novel. I would love to continue reading your responses to your personal reading. |
| **Speaking and Listening**  **Earbuds** | * **Build in Moments of Connection** (from the ASDN document available on their website)   + Connections do not always need to be for long; even a three-minute connection with someone can be helpful (e.g., texts, emails, phone call, or social networking, using platforms you trust).   + Connect with healthy adults who model calmness.   + Connect visually when able (e.g., video through social networking). Hearing and seeing the person strengthens the level of connection.   + Think of vulnerable individuals and how you may be able to connect with them (e.g., the elderly, individuals living alone etc.). |
| **Writing**  **Pencil** | Writing this week will focus on responding to reading. All writing tasks are outlined in the document entitled “Grade 8 Persuasive Essay Booklet April 20th-27th”. You may use the booklet for your responses, or you may respond directly on the PowerPoint slides, in your writers notebook, or in the Notes App on your phone.   * Reading like a writer – * Response to Rick Reilly’s “Keep Skeleton in the Closet” * Response to Mitch Albom’s “A Senseless Death in Our Age of Anger” * Response to questions on student essay “Bike Lanes” |