



# OMPH School Scene

## Middle School ILA



Writing is a major component of Integrated Language Arts, and my students are always writing. A few years ago the school incorporated the hamburger writing model to teach students how to organize their writing. As the students progress through the grades the chart becomes more complex, as does their writing.

Currently, the 6th grade class is learning to write how-to articles. Each student is choosing a different topic to write about. Once they have written their article they will learn about giving a presentation, and each student will present their how-to article to the class. This is an excellent way to have the students become comfortable with

speaking in front of other people.

Getting a job is important and the 7th graders are approaching an age where they will need to start applying for a job. In class we are learning the proper way to write a business letter, with a focus on a resume letter. We discussed knowing that their strengths and interests would help them find a job that may best suit them. The students are choosing from four different jobs, and using the hamburger writing model are writing a resume letter for the job.

The 8th graders love to tell me about their lives, so they are learning how to write personal narratives to be able to share their stories with the world. The students started with brainstorming, then went into free writing. After free writing they began to draft their personal narratives. Using the hamburger writing model, the students select a personal event for their story then use details to describe it further.

Teaching the students to write properly is a high priority. Even with the incorporation of technology, we are still writing all the time in our lives. Having a guide for the students to follow has been helpful for them to stay on track with their writing. By the time the students get to 8th grade they remember the model and are able to utilize it when writing in any subject.

Mrs. Drum, Middle School Language Arts Teacher

## St. Nicholas Visits OMPH School



On December 6th, our students welcomed a special guest to their classrooms when St. Nicholas came to visit on his Feast Day. He shared with the children the story of his life and spoke about the true meaning of Christmas.

Later in the children each left a shoe outside their classrooms, and were delighted when St. Nicholas left each of them a small gift.

## Great Job, Eighth Grade!

The OMPH School 8th Grade class, along with support from our 7th Grade class and younger students, presented "Lights... Camera ... A Christmas Carol" on December 6. Thank you to all who came out to support our Music Department, and to

Mrs. Rineer, Mrs. Gochnauer, and the volunteers who helped make our 8th grade play a success!



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