



Grade 3 Novel Study

**Stella Diaz has Something to Say** by Angela Dominguez

Dear Families,

Over the next three weeks, 3rd grade students will explore long form fiction through a contemporary novel study **Stella Diaz has Something to Say** by Angela Dominguez. The novel has been recognized with several awards including the 2019 Sid Fleischman Award , 2019 Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Notable Children's Book and A New York Public Library Best Book for Kids 2018.

**What will my student learn?**

Students will trace the development of plot, characterization and theme over the course of this novel study.

Students will develop their opinion reasoning and writing skills, using evidence from the text to reflect on the important messages and themes of the book.

**Conversation Starters:**

Who are the main characters in the story?

Follow up: In what ways are the characters similar or different? Can you give a specific example?

What is the problem in the story?

Follow up: Based on what you know about the characters, what do you think will happen?

Which character do you most relate to?

Follow up: What about the character reminds you of yourself?

What is the most important message Stella learns in this story?

Follow up: What did you learn from this story that you can apply to your own life?