Let’s Recap

- “Lenny’s Red Letter Day” is an example of Realistic Fiction.
- Figurative language can be found not only in poems but in short stories, as well.
- Often times when an author uses figurative language, what they are saying doesn’t necessarily match what they mean to say...
Explicit vs. Implicit

- Take for example this statement: “When I heard the news, my heart sank like a bag of rocks.” Do you think the author would have meant this literally? Can a heart really become so heavy that it sinks? Of course not, so there is a difference between what the author explicitly stated and what they implicitly stated, or implied.

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In Small Groups

- You are going to re-read “Lenny’s Red Letter Day,” to gain deeper understanding of what the author was trying to convey.

- As you read, you will be taking post-it notes, and marking examples in the text where Prakash showed concern for others (O) and where he showed concern for himself (H).

- After you have finished reading, compare your notes with your small group. Remember to add EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT to support your thinking.

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Post It #2: Prakash showed concern for HIMSELF (H)
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- (FILL IN STUDENT RESPONSE FROM DAY PRIOR)
Lenny’s First Day Back

- Explicit: Page 92 “He didn’t come to school for a long time after that. But when he did, my heart sank into my boots. He came straight across the playground... he came straight for me.”

- Implicit: What is the author trying to say here? How did seeing Lenny make Prakash feel?

Lenny’s House

- Explicit: Page 89 “‘LENNY!’ she shouted. ‘COME HERE!’ Lenny came slinking down the passage, like one of those scared animals in a circus. He kept his eyes on her hands, once he’s seen who it was at the door.”

- Implicit: What is the author trying to say here?
**Independent Classwork**

"Lenny's Red Letter Day" Figurative Language: Explicit vs Implicit

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Page 87: “My washing machine inside nearly went into a fast spin when I heard that.”

Page 88: “Didn’t Miss Banks once say something about leopards never changing their spots?”

Page 90: “Lenny had nothing to say. She was hanging over him like a vulture about to fix its talons into a rabbit.”