

**Crosswalk of Common Core Instructional Shifts: Mathematics**  
Connecting Mathematics and Merry-Go-Round Youth Theatre's  
Middle School Echoes Creative Writing Competition Fall Workshop

Shifts According to EngageNY  
[www.engageny.org](http://www.engageny.org)

Shifts According to  
Student Achievement Partners  
[www.achievethecore.org](http://www.achievethecore.org)

**1: Focus:** Students focus deeply on creative writing techniques, particularly the importance of strong details to the reader's understanding of and interest in a story. The importance of detailed writing can be applied across curriculums to DBQ writing, Science lab reports, research papers, poems, and short stories.

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**1: Focus** strongly where the Standards focus

**2: Coherence:** Students build on knowledge gained from viewing and participating in MRG productions from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They create writing pieces that speak to all aspects of the middle school experience and articulate theatrical principles they have been exposed to in past years, such as plot, dialogue, story arch, and characterization.

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**2: Coherence: Think** across grades, and **link** to major topics within grades

**5/6: Application/Dual Intensity:** Students apply knowledge built during the fall writing workshop to their Echoes submissions. During the workshop, students practice writing skills by applying the concept of detailed writing to different writing styles. In their submissions, students articulate design choices that enhance their intent in writing the piece and help effectively communicate their ideas to an audience.

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**3: Rigor: Require fluency, application, and deep understanding**