Author Study: Jane Yolen

Using the books: My Uncle Emily, Letting Swift River Go, Where Have the Unicorns Gone?, Owl Moon, and Sister Bear.

1. Read aloud My Uncle Emily by Jane Yolen and Emily and Carlo by Marty Figley. Compare and contrast the author’s portrayal of Emily Dickinson in the two stories. Using a Venn diagram chart as a class. (Writing)
2. **Explore the figurative language in Owl Moon. Students will create a dark tree and glimmering snow against the night sky. Under they will create a new description for “The tree stood as still as\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”. (Language Arts/Art)**
3. **Three day close read of Owl Moon**.(**Language Arts**)
4. Read aloud Sister Bear. Write the fairy tale through the eyes of the Bear, not the girl. (Writing)
5. Partner read Letting the Swift River Go. Take a position: dam up the valley as done in the book, or refuse and find a water source elsewhere. Prepare a presentation using any technology medium to share with the class. (Science/Technology).