

Course Descriptions:

8th grade Integrated Language Arts will emphasize student's growth in reading and interpreting informational, expository, and fictional texts, as well as honing skills in creative and academic writing. Students will improve their skills in literary analysis and write formal responses to texts under investigation; they will hone their analytical writing skills by diligently practicing correct English language grammatical conventions; and they will have the opportunity to creatively express themselves through individual written work focused around the novels, short stories, poems, and essays studied in class.

8th grade Civics/Social Studies will concentrate on student's ability to hone deep-content understandings, to think critically and creatively, and to make real-world connections through active learning while examining historical perspectives and governmental/social institutions. Students will study multiple perspectives in order to deconstruct bias in sourcing while being able to make connections to the past in order to better understand our present historical juncture. This will aid students in developing skills in critical reading and analytical thinking that cross over to all school subjects and academic disciplines.

5th grade Integrated Language Arts will focus on each student's foundational capacities in identifying literary elements and character motives when examining fictional texts. An emphasis will be placed on the student's growth in comprehending increasingly complex material. Students will also foster grade level vocabulary and be assessed on their ability to utilize appropriate grammatical structures when engaging in the writing process. As the year progresses, students will write in diverse genres and styles: each month will have a particular focus when writing (expository, narrative, argumentative, etc.)

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