

Curriculum – Grade 7 Reading/ Language Arts

	Literature	Vocabulary	Grammar	Written and Oral Communication
What your child will learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common literary elements/devices used in fiction and nonfiction • Characteristics of different literary genres • Reading, fluency and comprehension strategies • Poetic form and function of poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifteen units of 20 vocabulary words each including definitions, synonyms, and antonyms • How to use vocabulary words in context • Short story and novel terminology • How authors use vocabulary and figurative language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight parts of speech • Types of sentences and various sentence structures • Proper usage of words and syntax within sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Five-Paragraph Essay • Written analysis of literature (novels, poems, short stories) • A process approach to writing • Formal listening, speech and presentation skills • Formal research strategies • Writing Traits • Text Structures • Text Features
What your child will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read selected pieces of literature and analyze literary elements/devices • Utilize different 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn and implement new vocabulary including synonyms and antonyms • Apply vocabulary words into the context of their own writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and implement correct sentence structure • Identify parts of speech • Identify and edit their own grammar mistakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the writing process to write several five-paragraph essays. • Create several literary analysis pieces of various types (paragraph, open-ended, text dependent analysis)

	<p>reading strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate between types of text • Build upon fluency and reading comprehension (inferring, questioning, mental imaging) • Discuss and analyze poetic forms • Identify plot elements, main ideas and details in text 	<p>and other situations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagram sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak using skills appropriate to formal speech situations • Participate and practice researching skills including locating , organizing, summarizing and presenting information • Practice presentation skills
<p>What you'll see (products)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visuals focusing on learned information • Different genres/texts including novels and poetry • Text-specific learning tools (including notes, foldables, reading logs, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary book exercises • Visuals and study cards of vocabulary words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visuals related to learned information • Student and teacher-generated notes, examples, and practice materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final and rough copies of writing examples, including 5-paragraph essays • Visuals related to learned information • Creative projects (posters, newspapers, poems, etc.)

<p>How you can help</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage reading at home • Question your child about what they are reading • Read novels, newspapers, magazines, etc. with your child • Help your child find reading materials he/she enjoys • Create a reading schedule for reading longer materials • Monitor homework and your child's grades online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to create and review vocabulary flash cards • Participate in review games at home • Discuss the words used in real-life situations. • Encourage your child to complete the vocabulary bookwork independently • Monitor homework and your child's grades online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and participate in review games surrounding grammar • Encourage your child to edit any writing piece to be grammatically correct • Encourage your child to seek help if confused on any grammar concepts • Monitor homework and your child's grades online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to practice writing at home • Help your child research topics • Practice formal speech • Encourage your child to use graphic organizers • Encourage your child to plan out his/her writing ideas before completing the final project • Monitor homework and your child's grades online
--------------------------------	---	---	---	--