

Curriculum – Grade 8 Reading/Language Arts

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| | Literature | Vocabulary | Grammar | Written and Oral Communication |
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| What your child will learn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies for analyzing and interpreting poetry Literary terms and figurative language Strategies to draw meaning from fiction and nonfiction Common literary elements/devices used in fiction and nonfiction | <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 Mechanics of language, including phrases, clauses, and sentence parts How to effectively diagram a sentence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Paragraph Essay (narrative, expository and argumentative) Text Dependent Analysis A process approach to writing Formal listening, speech and presentation skills Writing Traits |
| What your child will do | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify main ideas and details Recognize similarities and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use new vocabulary including synonyms and antonyms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in daily Grammar Practice Identify parts of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Writing Process to compose multi-paragraph essays (argumentative, |

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| | <p>differences among texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize reading strategies to increase literal comprehension Analyze literary techniques Analyze elements in various passages by providing evidence and explanation within the analysis Identify elements of the plots Read a variety of short stories and novels including: <i>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i>, <i>The Outsiders</i>, <i>The Wave</i>, <i>Romeo & Juliet</i>, <i>Animal Farm</i> (GHP only) Read ARP books | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply vocabulary words into the context of their own writing and other situations | <p>speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and edit their own grammar mistakes Diagram Sentences | <p>narrative and expository)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice presentation skills Participate in interactive online writing activities |
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| What you'll see (products) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various reading strategies (talking-to-the-text, outlining, etc.) • Study guides • Reading logs • Student-created book projects, technology projects, storyboards, graphic organizers, and posters related to literature | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary book exercises • Visuals and study cards of vocabulary words • Written projects utilizing vocabulary words | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Grammar Practice notes • Weekly sentence sheets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-paragraph essays • Text Dependent Analysis • Presentations • Creative projects (posters, newspapers, poems, etc.) • Journal writing |
| How you can help | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read novels, newspapers, magazines, etc. with your child • Help your child find reading materials he/she enjoys • Encourage a reading time • When reading longer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the words used in real-life situations • Encourage your child to complete the vocabulary bookwork independently • Assist in studying (i.e. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to edit any writing piece to be grammatically correct • Monitor your child's homework and grades online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud any writing pieces while encouraging your child to identify any mistakes in the writing • Encourage your child to plan out his/her writing ideas before completing the final project |

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| | <p>materials, create a reading plan to ensure the student finishes the book within the given time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor your child's homework and grades online | <p>flashcards, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor your child's homework and grades online | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and discuss the writing scoring rubric with your child• Monitor your child's homework and grades online |
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