

ELA: Reading Highlights

Grade 7

What your Middle School Student will learn . . .

Students will explore the following units of study:

- Imagination
- Investigation
- Social Change
- “Perfect World”

What your Middle School Student will do . . .

- Get to know him/herself as a reader, set reading goals and reflect on his/her learning in reading
- Participate in class discussions and book clubs
- Independently read a wide range of authors and genres
- Keep a reader’s notebook
- Analyze how particular elements of a story interact and how setting shapes the characters and/or plot
- Respond analytically and objectively to text when he/she understands the purpose or reason behind the author’s intentional choice of tools such as word choice, point of view, and structure
- Evaluate an author’s argument, reasoning, and specific claims for credibility and relevant evidence
- Use strategies, including predicting, asking questions, monitoring and creating sensory images to determine and compare recurring themes

What families will see . . .

- Reader’s notebook entries
- Reading logs
- Independent reading and analysis of challenging texts
- Written responses to reading

How families can help . . .

- Encourage your child to read for pleasure
- Read a variety of publications
- Participate in book groups
- Keep open communication with your child’s teachers