



English Language Arts Department Courses

Honors 5th Grade Reading

2 semesters | 1 credit

Honors 5th Grade Reading is designed to challenge and engage students. While reading a variety of grade-appropriate literature, informational texts, and mixed media, students explore complex themes, analyze literary elements, and develop critical thinking skills. Students focus on building vocabulary, enhancing reading comprehension, and developing fluency through close reading and discussion of challenging texts. In this course, students read independently and participate in class discussions, debates, and Socratic seminars. By participating in this course, students develop a deeper appreciation for literature, hone their critical thinking skills, and build their confidence as readers. Overall, this course is designed to foster a love of literature. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 6th Grade Reading.

Honors 5th Grade Language Arts

2 semesters | 1 credit

Honors 5th Grade Language Arts is designed to challenge and inspire students. Students will develop a strong foundation in grammar, punctuation, and mechanics, as well as developing critical communication skills in verbal and written language. Students engage in a variety of writing assignments including personal narrative, informational writing, fact-based opinion pieces, and research papers. They also develop their presentation skills through oral presentations and collaborative projects. In this course students enhance their communication and critical thinking skills, as well as their ability to express themselves effectively through writing. Overall, this course is designed to foster a love of writing. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 6th Grade Language Arts.

Honors 6th Grade Reading

2 semesters | 1 credit

Honors 6th Grade Reading is designed to challenge and engage students. While reading a variety of grade-appropriate literature, informational texts, and mixed media, students explore complex themes, analyze literary elements, and develop critical thinking skills. Students focus on building vocabulary, enhancing reading comprehension, and developing fluency through close reading and discussion of challenging texts. In this course, students read independently and participate in class discussions, debates, and Socratic seminars. By participating in this course, students develop a deeper appreciation for literature, hone their critical thinking skills, and build their confidence as readers. Overall, this course is designed to foster a love of literature. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 7th Grade English Language Arts.

Honors 6th Grade Language Arts

2 semesters | 1 credit

Honors 6th Grade Language Arts is designed to challenge and inspire students. Students will develop a strong foundation in grammar, usage, and mechanics, as well as developing critical communication



skills in verbal and written language. Students engage in a variety of writing assignments including personal narrative, informative essays, evidence-based argumentative essays, and research papers. They also develop their presentation skills through oral presentations and collaborative projects. In this course students enhance their communication and critical thinking skills, as well as their ability to express themselves effectively through writing. Overall, this course is designed to foster a love of writing. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 7th Grade English Language Arts.

Honors 7th Grade English Language Arts

2 semesters | 1 credit

Honors 7th Grade English Language Arts is designed to challenge and inspire students in English language, literature, and writing. By participating in a variety of activities, students develop their reading comprehension, writing skills, critical thinking skills, and vocabulary. Students read a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry and analyze literary elements such as plot, character development, theme, and symbolism. In addition to reading, students engage in a variety of writing assignments that include narratives, informative essays, argumentative essays, and a research project. Students also develop their presentation skills through oral and collaborative projects. In this course, students enhance their communication and critical thinking skills, as well as their ability to express themselves effectively through writing. Students will be challenged to push themselves academically, think creatively, and develop a deeper understanding of the beauty and complexity of literature and writing concepts. Overall, this course is designed to foster a love of English language arts. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 8th Grade English Language Arts.

Honors 8th Grade English Language Arts

2 semesters | 1 credit

Honors 8th Grade English Language Arts is designed to challenge and inspire students in English language, literature, and writing. By participating in a variety of activities, students develop their reading comprehension, writing skills, critical thinking skills, and vocabulary. Students read a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry and analyze literary elements such as plot, character development, theme, and symbolism. In addition to reading, students engage in a variety of writing assignments that include narratives, informative essays, argumentative essays, and a research project. Students also develop their presentation skills through oral and collaborative projects. In this course, students enhance their communication and critical thinking skills, as well as their ability to express themselves effectively through writing. Students will be challenged to push themselves academically, think creatively, and develop a deeper understanding of the beauty and complexity of literature and writing concepts. Overall, this course is designed to foster a love of English language arts. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Pre-AP English I.