

Middle School English Language Arts



Introductions:



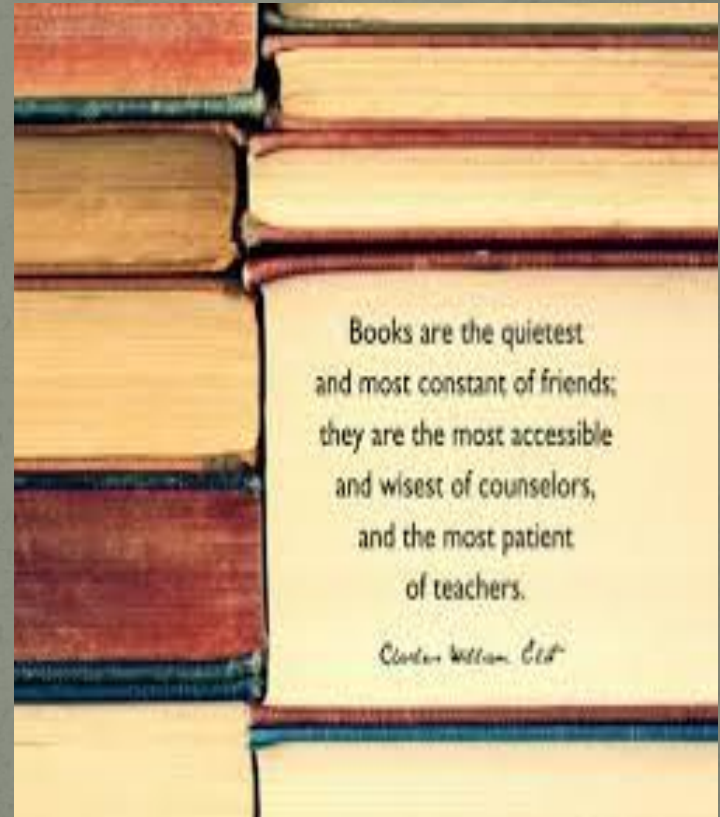
English Agenda

- Middle School English
 - Literature/Reading Comprehension (including vocabulary)
 - Writing/Composition (including grammar, conventions, and spelling for 5th grade)
 - Speaking & Listening



The Study of Literature

- Grade 5
 - Reading Street Series – fiction and nonfiction, including short stories, poetry, and drama.
 - Novels : *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, and *Tuck Everlasting*.
- Grade 6
 - *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, *A Single Shard*, and *Treasure Island*
- Grade 7
 - *Animal Farm*, *Little Women* and *Beowulf*
- Grade 8
 - *Julius Caesar*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Moby Dick*



Writing:

- Daily “Do Now” writing—for reviewing grammar concepts. It’s also an opportunity for students to write creatively and share their writing.
- Compositions that use the five steps in the writing process:
 - Persuasive Essays
 - Expository Essays
 - Narrative Essays
 - Literary Comparisons
- Academic Performances:
 - Radio Drama
 - Stage Play
 - Screenplay



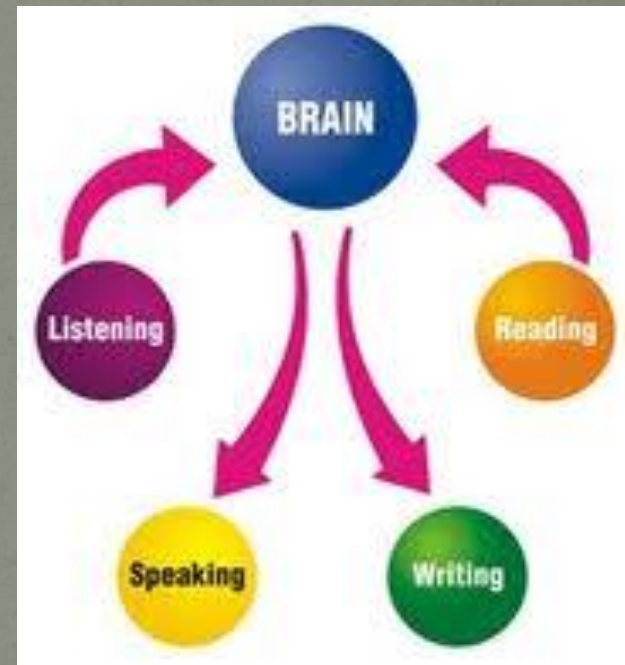
Language:

- Spelling – Grade 5
- Grammar that covers the parts of speech, punctuation, and capitalization.
- Vocabulary based on short stories read in *Reading Street* and class novels for grade 5; for grades 6-8 we use *Sadlier Vocabulary Workshop*
- Spelling Bee (for grades 4-8)



Speaking & Listening:

- The development of effective listening and speaking skills through the following:
 - Interviewing
 - Collaborative Group Work
 - Media Literacy
 - Story Telling
 - Speeches
 - Debates
 - Drama



Questions & Answers:

