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)
The development of effective listening and speaking skills through the following:

- Interviewing
- Collaborative Group Work
- Media Literacy
- Story Telling
- Speeches
- Debates
- Drama