

Middle School English Language Arts

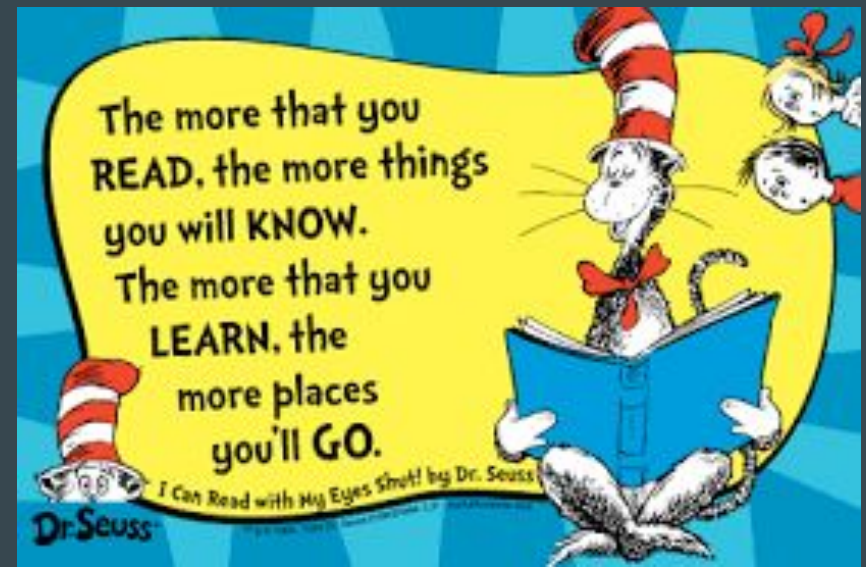
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Introductions:

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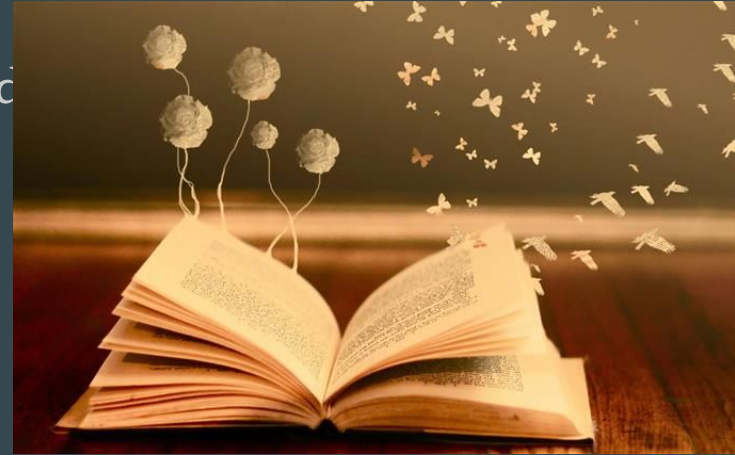
Academic Director of English
Instruction



English Agenda

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- Literature/Reading Comprehension (including vocabulary)
- Writing/Composition (including grammar and conventions)
- Speaking & Listening
- 5th Grade Highlights



The Study of Literature

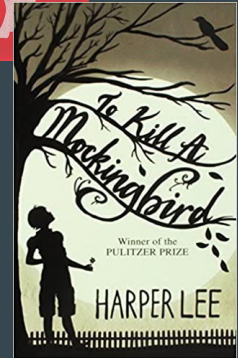
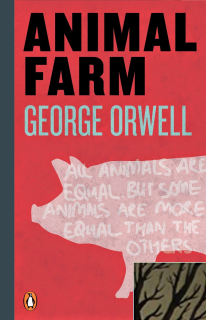
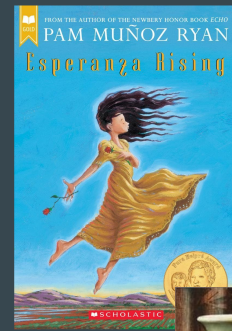
At Yinghua Academy, the study of literature focuses on the teaching of literature skills/concepts while exploring and discussing the relevant themes of diversity, equity, social justice, courage, community, and racism.

Literature Anthologies

- *Reading Street* (Grade 5) & *Prentice Hall Literature* (Grades 6-8)

Novels:

- Grade 5 Novels - *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, *Tuck Everlasting*, & *Esperanza Rising*
- Grade 6 Novels - *Front Desk*, *A Single Shard*, & *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
- Grade 7 Novels - *Animal Farm*, *Walk Two Moons*, & *Beowulf*
- Grade 8 Novels: *Julius Caesar*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, & *Frankenstein*



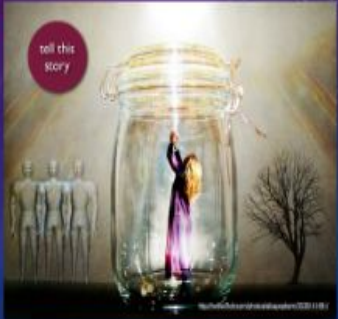
Writing:

Through our English Language Arts Curriculum, we develop writers who are able to effectively express their ideas and research.

- “Do Now” writing prompts that consist of journal entries that give students an opportunity to express their creativity by using vocabulary and figurative language taught throughout the year.
- Reading responses aimed to promote students to reflect upon their independent reading.
- Compositions that use the five steps writing process.
 - Narrative Essays
 - Persuasive Essays
 - Expository Essays
 - Literary Comparisons
- Academic Performance
 - European Travel Brochure - Grade 5
 - Radio Drama - Grade 6
 - Stage Play - Grade 7
 - Screenplay - Grade 8

Do Now:
Journal Writing - open your journal and write the date at the top of the page and then

Look at the picture and write a very short story using the image in the picture to base your story from. Your story must have a conflict within it. (This is a quick write. It does not need to be perfect, but I would like you to have at least written 5 sentences before the time is up)

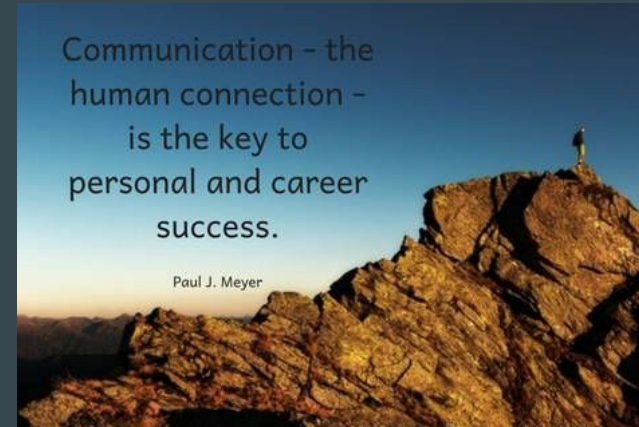


Speaking & Listening

The development of speaking and listening skills are an integral part of our ELA curriculum. As Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, “Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.” However, speech loses its power if students do not know how to actively listen. At Yinghua, we focus on developing effective speakers and engaged listeners.

Students learn how to:

- Collaborate with peers on group projects
- Interview
- Analyze media and its impacts
- Entertain through storytelling and performing student created dramas
- Persuade through speeches
- Debate their peers

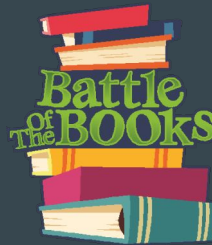


Highlights of 5th Grade English

- Creation of book covers based off of folktales in *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*
- Project Based Learning: student produced poetry book and recite at their poetry cafe
- Strike Speeches part of novel study
- Academic Performance: students plan an 8 day trip to a European country and create a travel brochure
- Final year to compete in Battle of the Books
- Accelerated Reading & Assemblies



<p>Food</p> <p>A traditional pasta in Italy is Penne. Melanico Diporring is another Italian dish with its layers of flavors in it and grilled eggplant. A well known dish in Italy is Fritto Pizzo. Finally a Italian dessert is Tiramisu with its rich coffee, creamy sweet filling and plenty of chocolate.</p>  <p>Languages</p> <p>Here is Italy's most spoken language is Italian with 97% of the population speaking it. Here are some phrases you will need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Hello-ciao2.How much does this cost-quanto costa3.where is the bathroom -dove e il bagno4.I need help-to bisogno di aiuto.	<p>Trip Highlights</p> <p>On this 8 day trip you will experience some of the most exquisite things in Florence, Cinque Terre, Venus and Rome like the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel and even see the wondrous Leaning Tower of Pisa. On this tour you will also experience some traditional and delicious Italian food .</p> 	<p><i>The Unimaginably Incredible Italian Tour</i></p>  <p>A One-way Ticket to Everywhere</p> <p>Tel: 612-723-3345 1616 Buchanan St. NE Minneapolis, MN 55413 AOneWayTickettoEverywhere.co</p>
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Questions & Answers

