

8th Grade Parent Yearlong Overview

Year at a Glance

Reading:

Students will master the following standards over the course of the whole year.

- *Cite textual evidence that supports analysis of literary text and informational text.*
- *Engage in collaborative discussions.*
- *Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations.*
- *Analyze a live or film performance of literary text.*

By the end of the year, students will have read and analyzed four novels as well as compared them to movie counterparts.

Quarters 1 & 2

Students will master the following standards while reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba PatilloBeals as well as publishing narrative and explanatory essays.

- *Determine and analyze the central idea or theme of literary and informational text.*
- *Compare, contrast, and analyze the structure of two or more literary or informational texts.*
- *Determine and analyze point of view and purpose in literary and informational text.*
- *Analyze the connection between modern and classical works.*
- *Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances.*

Quarters 3 & 4

Students will master the following standards while reading *Night* by ElieWeisel and a novel of their choice as well as publishing a persuasive essay and research project.

- *Analyze and evaluate the purpose of information in various formats.*
- *Delineate a speaker's argument and claims.*
- *Delineate and evaluate the argument and claims using evidence.*
- *Analyze two or more textsproviding conflicting information*
- *Write arguments with relevant support and reasoning.*

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Writing:

Students will master the following standards over the course of the whole year.

- *Produce clear and coherent writing over short and extended time frames.*
- *Develop and strengthen writing with support from peers and adults.*
- *Demonstrate command of conventions (punctuation, spelling, and capitalization) of standard English grammar and usage when writing.*
- *Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown words and phrases.*

By the end of the year, students will have written three 5-paragraph essays and completed a mini research project a decade.

How to Support your Student's Education at Home

- Encourage your student to read nightly (sports articles, chapter books, children's books to younger siblings, etc.).
- Practice spelling and vocabulary words with your student.
- Encourage you student to “Google” any unfamiliar topics and explain them to you in his/her own words.
- Ask you student to “teach” to you his/her homework lesson.
- Tell you student to describe to you the plot and characters of the novel we are currently reading.
- Encourage your student to write regularly (journal, poetry, songs, short stories).

When parents and teachers team up, kids succeed!