

ELA: Writing Highlights

Grade 7

What your Middle School Student will learn . . .

Students will explore the following units of study:

- Imagination
- Investigation
- Social Change
- “Perfect World”

What your Middle School Student will do . . .

- Get to know him/herself as a writer, set writing goals and reflect on his/her learning in writing
- Keep a writer’s notebook
- Study mentor texts (published pieces of writings) in various genres to understand the writing he/she is expected to do
- Write a wide variety of texts
- Share his or her writing electronically
- Write fictional narratives that use genre specific techniques to develop characters and plot in a stylistic voice
- Compose informative texts that examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts and information clearly
- Write arguments that acknowledge alternate claims while supporting our claim with logical reasoning using accurate, credible sources
- Write fiction so as to uncover truths about real-world human conflicts, crisis, and conditions

What families will see . . .

- Writing homework for practice and preparation
- Writer’s notebook entries
- Completed written pieces

How families can help . . .

- Explore your child’s writing assignments
- Read and comment on writing
- Encourage writing at home
- Keep open communication with your child’s teachers