

Middle School: *Reading Enrichment Course*

This year-long class teaches middle-school students various skills and activities to enhance reading proficiency and comprehension. Short works of fiction and non-fiction will be analyzed for the main idea by using close reading activities. Additionally, students will complete activities to enhance reading independence and appreciation such as R.A.F.T. (Role, Audience, Format, Topic), text renderings, illuminating texts, and inferring themes. This will be an interactive course with a high level of student participation. Integrated units will also explore the reading-writing connection; students will compose quick writing assignments in personal journals such as responses to prompts and questions, persona writing, composing dense questions, and creating graphic organizers. Weekly writing assignments with instructor feedback will help students become more proficient and independent readers.

Class time: Saturday afternoon 4:00-4:50 PM.