

MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS



St. Mary's middle school language arts program uses Wit & Wisdom curriculum. This curriculum centers on the study of rich and engaging texts (not basals), curated to build student knowledge and important ideas in the liberal arts and the sciences. The approach is integrated and text-based: daily reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and vocabulary study is based, and draws evidence from, exceptional texts. Lessons list aligned standards for each assessment. Students will be held accountable for what they know and what they can do. The best assessments mirror the work students will do in college and their careers, allowing them to perform their learning in authentic contexts. Focusing Question Tasks, Socratic Seminars, & End-of-Module Tasks are designed to elicit the kind of performance, giving students the opportunity to show what they can do by applying their learning to solving academic, intellectual, and real-world problems.

6th Grade Core Texts:

Bud, Not Buddy

Out of the Dust

The Odyssey

The Ramayana: The Divine Loophole

Blood on the River: James Town in 1607

Written in Bone: Buried Lives in Jamestown

I Am Malala

Shipwrecked at the Bottom of the World

7th Grade Core Texts:

The Canterbury Tales

Castle Diary

The Midwife's Apprentice

Code Talker

Farewell to Manzanar

Animal Farm

American Plague: The True and Terrifying Account of Yellow Fever

Fever 1793

8th Grade Core Texts:

The Crossover

All Quiet on the Western Front

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Claudette Colvin