

St. Mary's 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

St. Mary's Catholic School prepares students to be leaders in worship, work, and world through Roman Catholic teachings, rigorous academics, and service to others.