

Literature, Writing and Language Exploration Enrichment Camp

<p>The course will be based around a Newbery Award Book, <i>Echo</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan, whereby a student will do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read and discuss the novel's plot and characters in Literature • practice writing creative responses and analytical paragraphs about the book in Writing • understand how the author's use of language links to the historical and cultural context in Language 	Daily Schedule	Literature- Rm 501	Writing – Rm 502	Language – Rm 503
	8:30 – 9:30	6 Grade	7 Grade	8 Grade
	Break: 9:30 – 9:45 (15 minute break)			
	9:45– 10:45	8 Grade	6 Grade	7 Grade
	Break: 10:45 – 11:00 (15 minute break)			
	11:00 – 12:00	7 Grade	8 Grade	6 Grade

6th Grade Curriculum

Literature	6th graders will learn and practice close-reading techniques that will aid in reading comprehension. Students will have lessons about the historical and cultural contexts of the novel that will help them appreciate the characters and plot. 6th graders will learn note-taking skills using scaffolded note-taking guides. Through class discussions and activities, they will also connect the events of the book to their own lives and experiences.
Writing	6th graders will focus on strengthening writing abilities through a variety of activities inspired by the literature of the course. They will be exposed to the writing process, with attention focused on clear paragraph structure -- drafting articulate topic sentences and finding textual evidence to support the argument asserted. They will also explore various creative forms.
Language	Students will participate in 6th grade appropriate grammar and vocabulary lessons. Students will spend time building their vocabulary -- learning words that they will encounter in the novel -- and brushing up on parts of speech and how to use them correctly in writing with numerous games and exercises.

7th Grade Curriculum

Literature	7th graders will practice various close-reading styles to find one that best works for the individual child. Students will have lessons about the historical and cultural contexts of the novel that will help them appreciate the characters and plot. They will learn note-taking techniques involving both scaffolded note-taking guides and independent note-taking. They will also connect the events of the book to their relevance today and to their own lives.
Writing	7th graders will focus on strengthening writing abilities through a variety of activities inspired by the literature of the course. They will practice the writing process, culminating in an analytical paragraph complete with choosing the best textual evidence and developing analysis. Students will also explore various creative forms.
Language	Students will participate in 7th grade level grammar and vocabulary lessons and activities relating to the text. Students will spend time building their vocabulary and brushing up on parts of speech and sentence structure with fun games and practice exercises. 7th graders will also read supplemental non-fiction articles that provide historical context and deeper insight into the novel.

8th Grade Curriculum

Literature	8th graders will learn and practice various close-reading techniques that will aid in reading comprehension and prepare them for high school reading. Students will have lessons about the historical and cultural contexts of the novel that will help them appreciate the characters and plot. They will practice taking notes in various formats that will help them commit the information to memory. 8th graders will also connect the events of the book to their relevance today -- politically, culturally, etc. -- and to their own experiences.
Writing	8th graders will focus on strengthening writing abilities through a variety of activities inspired by the literature of the course. They will practice the writing process, culminating in an analytical paragraph. Using effective paragraph structure, citing textual evidence, and quote integration will be explored, as well as the significance of developing sophisticated analysis of the evidence. They will also enjoy writing various creative pieces.
Language	Students will participate in 8th grade level grammar practice to improve their writing style: properly using pronouns, correctly writing compound and complex sentences, and revising fragments and run-on sentences will be covered. Students will also experience vocabulary lessons and activities relating to the novel. As incoming 8th graders, they will focus on the significance that various literary devices play in creating meaning in the novel and read supplemental articles that provide historical context and deeper insight into the book.