



COURSE DESCRIPTION

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LANGUAGE ARTS & TEST PREP - GROUP CLASS

(Grades 5-8)

This class emphasizes grammar fundamentals, essay writing essentials, reading comprehension, and vocabulary acquisition. The materials used in this course have been especially developed by *MERCER EDUCATION* and offer each student a comprehensive, effective learning experience. Through weekly reading assignments and interactive activities, students strengthen their critical reading skills, study different genres of literature, learn literary terms and the basic components of literary analysis, and tune in to topical subjects through newspapers, magazines, and the internet. Additionally, students learn basic research techniques, proper documentation, practice oral presentations, as well as become familiar with standardized test formats such as the ISEE, ITBS, and WASL.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

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| ▶ Essay Writing Essentials
(brainstorming, outlines, structure and content) | ▶ Expanded Range of Reading Material |
| ▶ Self-Editing and Revision Skills | ▶ Strategies and Preparation for Standardized Tests (WASL, ITBS, ISEE, and SSAT) |
| ▶ Grammar Fundamentals | ▶ Sophistication and Depth of Ideas |
| ▶ Literary Analysis Tool Kit | ▶ Vocabulary |
| ▶ Reading Comprehension
(paraphrasing, interpreting, drawing inferences) | ▶ Interest, Attitude, and Organization |

- Meets *once a week* for 1 hour and 50 minutes.
- Class size limited to no more than 6 students per group.
- Students receive free assessment upon enrollment and are grouped according to skill level and age.
- Parents receive a Progress Report every four months with scores, comments, and recommendations.
- Groups meet year round; classes are usually held on weekdays 4–9pm and weekends 9am–5pm.
- The course is based on 2-month blocks of pre-scheduled classes (8-9 classes each two-month session) ongoing throughout the year. Contact ME for details about rates and policies.