

REACH

Reading & Research

Language Arts & Advanced Language Arts



Research
Evaluate
Analyze
Communicate *through*
Historical Perspective



Students enrolled in the REACH program will take the **6th grade REACH Reading & Research** class, instead of the traditional reading class, and the **accompanying REACH Language Arts**.

The Reading & Research class will focus on building the research, technological, and communication skills that are crucial for success in the worlds of the workforce and higher education in our ever-changing society.

Students will build a strong foundation of skills that will be valuable throughout the rest of their academic careers in both their REACH classes. Just as important as learning how to gather information is what to do with it once gathered. Students will learn to bring the pieces together and create a product that will communicate their message to the selected audience. Students work on strengthening their writing skills, their command of the English language, and their ability to synthesize information through the essay format.

In addition to the research component of the class, students will have the opportunity to read novels and works of non-fiction that will deepen their understanding of the cultures that they will be studying through their World History class. Some of the titles that will be introduced are:

Historical fiction, such as:

Maroo of the Winter Caves
Mara, Daughter of the Nile
Bound
The Bronze Bow

Retellings of ancient and medieval
contemporary literature, such as:

Gilgamesh the King
The Ramayana
The Wanderings of Odysseus

In this class, students will also have the opportunity to improve their reading skills through the use of non-fiction historical based selections and reading strategies that are designed especially for higher level readers.

Those who maintain a B average in both classes will continue this program in 7th and 8th grade, giving them a head start on the skills that they will need in the rigorous high school programs in our county.

Students who have a high affinity for writing based on academic records also have the chance to take the advanced Language Arts course offered starting in 6th grade.