

The R.E.A.C.H. program is a three-year program that integrates Reading and ELA classes for students from 6th through 8th grade. Throughout these three years, your child will develop their skills progressively, culminating in a National History Day project in 8th grade.



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Research
Evaluate
Analyze
Communication
Historical Perspective

6th grade

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7th grade

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8th grade

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In 6th grade, we begin with Digital Citizenship Certification, ensuring students understand how to navigate the online world safely and responsibly. Our novel studies of historical fictions will immerse students in rich narratives while fostering a deeper understanding of historical contexts. Additionally, students will undertake a passion research project, allowing them to explore topics they are passionate about, enhancing their learning experience.

Throughout the year, we will focus on literary analysis to develop critical reading skills, alongside an introduction to primary and secondary source analysis to help students differentiate between various types of information. Basic research skills and word processing will be emphasized, alongside an introduction to Google Suite to equip students with essential digital tools. Finally, our project-based learning approach will encourage collaboration and creativity, helping students apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios.

In 7th grade we explore documentary creation using Adobe Rush, allowing students to express their creativity while learning about storytelling techniques. Students will use the research paper they write in their ELA class as their script to create a 5 minute documentary on a historical topic on the theme-A Turning Point in History. In creating this documentary, they will utilize their research, writing, and technology skills to showcase their analysis of a historical event or person. It is truly amazing to see what our students create!

In our literature circles, students will engage in literary analysis, fostering a deeper understanding of the texts they read. They will also conduct novel studies on dystopian fiction and historical nonfiction, which will broaden their literary horizons and foster a love of reading. Lastly, students will learn Greek and Latin root words, which will aid in vocabulary development across subjects.

In 8th grade, our students will have the chance to earn a Multimedia Essentials certification, which will enhance their skills in various digital tools. Additionally, we are participating in the National History Day Competition, where students will engage in in-depth research and present their findings. As part of this experience, we have organized a research field trip to the UF Library, providing valuable resources for their advanced research while working alongside UF Librarian Subject Specialists .

Moreover, students will develop their speaking and presentation skills, culminating in an exhibit showcasing their hard work. The top projects will advance to the State Competition in Tallahassee, where they can compete with peers from across the state. We have had several students place at state and move on to the National Competition in Washington D.C..