

Saint Jude Catholic School
Literature
6th – 8th Grade

According to the Florida Curriculum Framework and Diocese of Palm Beach Language Arts Curriculum, English Literature “offers enjoyment, connection, purpose, and insight through the aesthetic portrayal of life.”

Here at Saint Jude Catholic School, your child will explore the world of Literature by studying the various types presented in the textbook, such as:

- Poetry
- Drama
- Articles
- Short Stories, both fiction and non-fiction

Accelerated Reader and Summer Reading books enhance the study of Literature by enabling each student to choose books according to personal preference and be tested on them.

Through these works, students will develop:

- an understanding of the common features of a variety of literary forms
- the ability to read, interpret, respond to, compare and contrast presented ideas
- an appreciation for the types of literature that fulfill their own needs and interests

The class will examine different works through age-appropriate written and oral assignments, discussion, tests, and quizzes. Students are expected to read for a minimum of 30 minutes each evening.

To assist in the learning process and ensure success, it is expected that each student will:

- Follow classroom and school procedures and rules
- Ask questions
- Take notes
- Have homework completed on the day it is due – No credit for late work
- Correct homework and classwork errors
- Keep all work in the notebook
- Actively participate in and cooperate during discussions and projects
- Be responsible for asking for, getting, and making up missed work when absent
- Try his or her best!!

Students will be graded as follows:

- 10% Homework, Classwork and preparedness
- 20% Accelerated Reading
- 40% Tests
- 30% Quizzes

Books published by Holt (2007):

- 8th Grade - *Elements of Literature*- Second Course (Red) – ISBN: 0-03-042413-5
- 7th Grade - *Elements of Literature*- First Course (Yellow) – ISBN: 0-03-042412-7
- 6th Grade - *Elements of Literature*- Introduction (Blue) – ISBN: 0-03-042409-7

Saint Jude Catholic School Middle School Vocabulary

According to the Florida Curriculum Framework and Diocese of Palm Beach Language Arts Curriculum, Vocabulary Workshop is included.

The **Vocabulary Workshop** maintains a high level of academic rigor, focusing on vocabulary development for high achieving students.

Through this, students will:

- Expand their vocabulary
- Deepen vocabulary understanding
- Blend Print with powerful Online Components.

Text:

- 8th Grade- Vocabulary Workshop, Level C, Sadlier, 2013
- 7th Grade- Vocabulary Workshop, Level B, Sadlier, 2013
- 6th Grade- Vocabulary Workshop, Level A, Sadlier, 2013