

Adda Clevenger School Upper School (Gr. 5-8) English Language Arts and Reading Lists

In Upper School English Language Arts (ELA), students receive instruction over the course of four reading-themed units, such as: Magical Realism, Modern Realistic Fiction, Classics, and Dystopian Fiction. Each year all units tie into a grade-level college and career readiness/character education theme, for example: A Meaningful Life, Self and Society, Perseverance, Philosophical Inquiry.

Each unit begins with a primary reading focus and culminates with a writing performance task which mirrors the prior reading. Over the course of the year, students receive instruction in the following major domains: Reading: *Foundational Skills*, Reading: *Literature*, Reading: *Informational Texts*, Writing: *Informational*, Writing: *Narrative*, and Writing: *Persuasive*, Language: *Conventions*, Language: *Vocabulary*. In addition to our in-class reading and writing, students complete 600 pages of independent reading and construct two critical responses to literature to demonstrate their comprehension of the texts. They also read four Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum books that enrich their science and social studies curricula.

Sample Grade-Level Reading Lists

*Many of the following texts are read in-class, some are offered as extra credit, and all are highly recommend!

5th Grade

Wishtree
Flora & Ulysses
Because of Mr. Terupt
Bridge to Terabithia
Journey to the Center of the Earth
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard
The Giver
The Sign of the Beaver
George's Secret Key to the Universe
Chains
The Earth Dragon Awakes: The SF Earthquake of 1906

6th Grade

The Girl Who Drank the Moon
The Curious Tale of In-between
Maniac Magee
A Long Walk to Water
The Hobbit
The Book Scavenger
Animal Farm
Maze Runner
The Odyssey & The Iliad (graphic novels)
Ninjas, Piranhas, and Galileo
Flush
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

7th Grade

The Dreamer
The Hour of the Bees
The Joy Luck Club
To Kill a Mockingbird
The Juliet Club
The Secret Garden
The Outsiders
Lord of the Flies
Cinder
The Sword in the Stone
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
Fever 1793

8th Grade

Into the Magic Shop
Getting in by Standing Out
Essay Heaven
The Complete Persepolis
How to Win Friends and Influence People
Sophie's World
Man's Search for Meaning
Siddhartha
1984
The Handmaid's Tale
Fahrenheit 451
To Be a Slave
Einstein's Dreams
Bread Givers
A Brief History of Time