

Writing & Grammar and Literature Overview

Writing and Grammar

Vision

To equip students to apply grammar and writing skills to craft effective written and oral communication that engages with and contributes to culture.

Goals

- To ensure mastery of English grammar and mechanics
- To develop mastery of study, reference, and research skills, effectively using print and digital sources
- To model the connection of mentor texts to grammar instruction and writing activities
- To give opportunities for students to use the writing process with genre-specific strategies to craft communication for real-world contexts
- To guide students to hone collaboration, listening, speaking, and viewing skills
- To expand technology and media literacy through written, oral, and visual communication
- To lead students to draft writing that is truthful, virtuous, and empathetic

Literature

Vision

To develop discerning, life-long readers and creative communicators through the analysis and evaluation of historical and contemporary literature in a variety of genres.

Goals

- To develop vocabulary acquisition through context and domain-specific instruction

- To develop cultural and historical literacy that will illuminate the study of literature and informational texts
- To model a variety of reading strategies and literary skills to help students to comprehend, compare, analyze, interpret, evaluate, and create literary texts
- To offer a broad range of reading opportunities using novel studies and engaging selections from classic and contemporary literature
- To guide students to interpret and evaluate images and relate them to literary texts through visual analysis
- To engage real-world questions from a biblical worldview, leading students to exercise discernment and to formulate biblical responses to the issues raised by their reading
- To provide opportunities for individual and collaborative communication, drawing on textual models and technology skills