

8th GRADE LITERATURE GUIDELINES: Ms. Cummings

In 8th grade we use a literature-based program, with emphasis on analyzing the four main elements of literature: plot, character, setting and theme. Much of the year will be spent reading individual works, with the literature anthology serving as a resource to cover additional concepts. Individual works will span a variety of genres including mystery, historical fiction, poetry and memoir/autobiography. Titles read as a class will include *The Westing Game*, *Across Five Aprils*, *Out of the Dust*, and *Night*. Later in the year another selection will be read in literature circles. This year, the class will be doing more analysis of literary pieces to delve into meaning, theme, tone and symbolism. The homework and discipline policies of the literature class will follow those of the sixth through eighth grades, as outlined in the handbook.