

Middle School Curriculum & Reading List



READING LIST

6TH GRADE

History (*World Geography*)

- In each unit, students receive a custom packet (created by the School) to help them learn the regions, countries, major cities, bodies of water and other significant features of the world.

English (*Literature & Language Arts I*)

- *Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens
- *Black Ships Before Troy*, Rosemary Sutcliff
- Institute of Excellence in Writing (IEW) Curriculum, Structure and Style, Level B

Religion (*This is Your Faith*)

- *Following Christ*, Faith & Life Series, Ignatius Press
- *St. Thomas More*, Elizabeth M. Ince
- *St. Paul the Apostle*, Mary F. Windeatt

Science (*Earth Science*)

- *Earth Science*, Holt

Mathematics (*varies by student*)

- *Middle School MathCourse 2*, Holt
- *Pre-Algebra*, Holt

Arts (*Intro to Music*)

- *Essential Elements for Band Book 1*, Hal Leonard

7TH GRADE

History (*American History I*)

- *U.S. History: Beginnings to Civil War*, Holt

English (*Literature & Language Arts II*)

- *The Giver*, Lois Lowry
- *The Wanderings of Odysseus*, Rosemary Sutcliff
- *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, Arthur Doyle
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Religion (*The Life of Grace*)

- *The Life of Grace*, Faith & Life Series, Ignatius Press
- *St. Francis of the Seven Seas*, Albert J. Nevins
- *Junia: The Fictional Life and Death of an Early Christian*, Michael Giesler

Science (*Life Science*)

- *Life Science*, Holt

Mathematics (*varies by student*)

- *Pre-Algebra*, Holt
- *Algebra I*, Holt
- *Geometry*, Holt

Foreign Language (*Intro to Latin I*)

- Cambridge Latin Course: Unit 1

8TH GRADE

History (*American History II*)

- *U.S. History: Civil War to Present*, Holt

English (*Literature & Language Arts III*)

- *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury
- *Twelve Angry Men*, Reginald Rose
- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, Frederick Douglass
- *Julius Caesar*, William Shakespeare
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
- A collection of short stories: "Up the Slide," Jack London; "The Tell-Tale Heart," Edgar Allan Poe; "The Passing of Black Eagle," O. Henry; "The Day I Got Lost," Isaac Bashevis Singer; "An Episode of War," Stephen Crane
- Poems by J.R.R. Tolkien, Henry Wodsworth Longfellow, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Robert Frost, G.K. Chesterton, Robert Service, Wilfred Owen, and others
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Religion (*Toward Confirmation*)

- *Our Life in the Church, Faith & Life Series*, Ignatius Press
- *St. Edmund*, Campion

Science (*Physical Science*)

- *Physical Science*, Holt

Mathematics (*varies by student*)

- *Algebra I*, Holt
- *Geometry*, Holt
- *Algebra II*, Holt

Foreign Language (*Intro to Latin II*)

- *Lingua Latina Per Se Illustrata*, Pars I

ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHTS

Systematic Writing Methodology from IEW. The Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), offers a modern curriculum built on a classical approach for developing students into effective writers with sound grammar. All Northridge English teachers are trained in this methodology and integrate it into their curriculum. Students' consistent, year over year application of the IEW practices builds strong writers.

Study Skills Curriculum. Study Skills are taught as a graded component of every Middle School class. Skills taught include: organization, note-taking, test-taking, and annotating. In addition, students receive individual coaching on these skills via their advising sessions, and receive a Northridge assignment notebook (customized to Northridge's calendar).