



Reading Enrichment

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I am so excited to have your child in my class this year. The purpose of this class is to provide students with additional opportunities for reading, writing, and speaking. This will allow them to develop the skills that are needed to succeed in all classes at PPMS. I will be closely monitoring your child's reading development over the course of the year, so please feel free to contact me if you would like a progress update or if you have any questions or concerns.

In this class, your child will:

- Master new roots prefixes and suffixes to aid in vocabulary development
- Develop and express academic language in speaking and writing
- Participate in guided and independent reading
- Develop reading fluency
- Engage in academic discussions with peers

Materials for this class:

- a pencil
- a pocket folder
- a composition notebook (100 page)

Skills Taught:

- **Vocabulary:** Determining the meaning of words in context; building new words and determining word meaning using roots, prefixes and suffixes
- **Fluency Skills:** Building reading speed for rate and accuracy; reading with tone and inflection
- **Comprehension Skills:** Identifying main ideas and supporting details; identifying themes; summarizing; finding evidence to support ideas
- **Writing Skills:** Using proper punctuation and sentence structure to communicate ideas clearly
- **Speaking Skills:** Developing a strong voice to clearly communicate ideas to peers

Grading:

Students who participate in class and submit reasonably completed work will receive full credit.

Homework:

While there is no specific homework in this class, your child should be reading 15 minutes each night to develop reading skills. I will ensure students always have a book.

About me:

I have a deep passion for reading and writing! This is my 9th year teaching and my 5th year at Pelham Park Middle School. I have a 19-year-old daughter who is in her second year of college at UAB, and I also have a 5-year-old daughter who started kindergarten this year. I truly care about each and every student who walks into my room, and I know this will be a fantastic year!

Contact Me:

- Email: skington@pelhamcityschools.org
- Talking Points