English Language Arts Department
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Welcome to English Language Arts at Tappan

Units are taught through various genres at each grade level.

Independent Reading  Word Study/Language
Literature Analysis  Nonfiction Analysis  Creative Writing
Research Writing  Argue / Persuade  Speaking and Listening

6th Grade
Adventure / Action
Biographies
Fables
Fantasy
Non-Fiction Articles
Research focusing on comparing and contrasting
Persuasive Writing
Greek & Latin Roots
Word Study

7th Grade
Memoirs
Mysteries
Mythology
Poetry
Non-Fiction Articles
Research focusing on cause and effect
Argumentative Writing
Greek & Latin Roots
Word Study

8th Grade
Historical Fiction
Holocaust / Genocide
Realistic Fiction
Science Fiction
Non-Fiction articles
Research writing that reflects multi-genres
Argumentative Writing
Greek & Latin Roots
Word Study

Additional support is offered to students through classes for English Language Learners, Academic Literacy classes at each level and homework club. We also host a Literacy Night when parents are invited to see students share their learning.