

## **Middle School English/Language Arts**

The middle school English and Language Arts (ELA) program promises to be both challenging and rewarding in many ways. Paramount will be the need to do well academically as students apply to various high schools. We expect our students to be accepted by the most competitive schools. Our curriculum prepares them well in ELA. Language Arts places a strong emphasis on language usage and mechanics mastery, writing as a discovery process, public speaking, and classic literature as a window to both the inner-self and the larger world. Students witness firsthand the presence of Christ in acts of good will through social justice by their involvement and participation in service projects. The development of the well-rounded individual is high priority. Eighth graders will continue to be highly involved in the school's community as they exercise their roles as student leaders. We believe our Eighth graders demonstrate the outcome of all that we have been striving to achieve through our school's philosophy and mission statement. Our students don't just survive – they thrive.