

**Parents, here are some necessary, beginning of the year, ELA skills that we will be working on here at ACA with your Middle Schooler, Grades 5th-8th.**



- Use knowledge of letter-sound correspondence, syllabication patterns, and morphology to accurately read unfamiliar words, and multisyllabic words in context.
- Orally read grade-appropriate or higher texts smoothly and accurately, with expression, that connotes comprehension.
- Quote accurately from text when explaining what a text says explicitly and when drawing references from the text-*(End of year goal)*.
- Ask and answer questions to demonstrate comprehension referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers - *(End of year goal)*.
- Determine the theme of a story, play, or poem from details in the text, including how characters respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic, summarizes the text, and identifies details- *(End of year goal)*.
- Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are portrayed.
- Write narrative writings that include the processes of writing.
- Demonstrate command of English grammar by using sentences that include parts of speech and varying levels of complexity.
- Demonstrate command of capitalization when writing greetings, months and days of the week, titles, initials in names, and other proper nouns.
- Engage effectively in collaborative discussions with peers and adults about grade-level topics and texts in small and larger groups building on others' ideas and expressing personal ideas clearly.
- Pose and respond to specific questions.