

HERITAGE OAK

PRIVATE EDUCATION

Middle School English and Literature students will:

1. Promote sound study habits to enhance mastery of material covered in class.
2. Explore and employ the writing process.
3. Conduct and present research that includes note-making and outlining.
4. Master the use of a dictionary, thesaurus and other reference materials.
5. Create and maintain portfolios for self-assessment and student-led conferencing.
6. Expand their use of appropriate vocabulary, spelling, grammar, and conventions in writing.
7. Learn to use discussions as a key tool for generating, developing and evaluating ideas.
8. Be provided with opportunities to create and share their own stories, plays and poems.
9. Practice and apply reading strategies and skills, from basic comprehension to critical thinking.
10. Be introduced to methods of textual analysis that encourages a rational basis for individual interpretations.
11. Understand the elements of such literary genres as myth, short story, drama, novel, memoir, poetry and essay.
12. Draw conclusions and recognize key elements of literature as they relate to life.
13. Expand the use of effective oral language skills in all areas of study.
14. Be exposed to the experiences and attitudes of peoples of other races, cultures, and eras.
15. Be assessed in reading and writing regularly with Accelerated Reader and My Access.

Middle School Mathematics students will:

1. Promote sound study habits to enhance mastery of material covered in class.
2. Expand their understanding of the practical nature and value of mathematics
3. Become confident in his and her ability to understand mathematics.
4. Use mathematics to solve a variety of real-life problems.
5. Develop the vocabulary necessary to become fluent in the language of math
6. Develop the ability to reason mathematically.
7. Develop a repertoire of problem solving strategies.
8. Build a rock-solid foundation in the fundamentals of mathematics.
9. Develop an understanding of the relationships between math, language, science and technology.

Middle School Science students will:

1. Promote sound study habits to enhance mastery of material covered in class.
2. Engage in scientific study and creative thinking that stimulates and challenges.
3. Awaken a sense of curiosity and discovery in the investigation of the world.
4. Develop logical and systematic approaches to problem solving.

5. Take responsibility for their own learning.
6. Devise procedures for carrying out independent investigations within the framework of the science curriculum.
7. Become aware of environmental issues and the global impact of human actions.
8. Develop an understanding of the relationships between science, technology and society.
9. Develop social skills, communication skills and process skills essential to the conduct of science.

Middle School Social Studies students will:

1. Be provided a rich experience in the study of global history, from ancient times to modern times.
2. Foster an awareness of the importance of both cultural and physical environments and the parts that they play in human society.
3. Become aware of political, social, economic and environmental conditions in the world.
4. Develop a sense of time, a feeling for the flow of human events, and a perception of both continuity and change in history.
5. Cultivate an appreciation of cultural diversity and of their own heritage.

Middle School Foreign Language students will:

1. Promote sound study habits to enhance mastery of material covered in class.
2. Engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions in French.
3. Understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
4. Present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.
5. Gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures.
6. Recognize connections of the French language and culture with other disciplines.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of French with their own language.
8. Show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

Middle School Health and PE students will:

1. Promote sound study habits to enhance mastery of material covered in class.
2. Acquire physical skills which stimulate and challenge.
3. Gain knowledge, skills, and strategies for maintaining personal physical fitness.
4. Apply and use skills and techniques which characterize physical education.
5. Develop the ability to evaluate their own level physical fitness and development.
6. Engender an awareness of the need for, and value of, effective collaboration and communication during physical activities.
7. Develop and practice game-situation skills.
8. Develop an appreciation of the possibilities associated with physical fitness and an understanding of maintaining a healthy life-style.
9. Understand and respect the differences among people in terms of their physical development and life-style choices.

Middle School Art students will:

1. Practice art techniques and concepts.
2. Gain knowledge of master artists' lives and works of art.
3. Use art as a tool to:
 - a. Build confidence
 - b. Problem-solve
 - c. Create cultural awareness
 - d. Gain personal satisfaction through individual accomplishment
 - e. Exercise imagination
 - f. Improve critical thinking skills
 - g. Develop concentration
 - h. Discover the joy of learning
 - i. Better understand themselves and the world around them