

Welcome to the Junior Great Books program!

We will be embarking on an exciting literary journey that will take us through folktales and fables from around the world, poetry and stories that are considered to be classics. In order to reach these destinations, we will be reading on a regular basis from the Junior Great Books series. We will meet on a weekly basis to engage in a lively discussion about what we have read. These discussions are an opportunity to think about and respond to different types of literature. Students work together to discover meaning in a story through looking at details from the story, drawing inferences and analyzing characters' motives.

Guide for Junior Great Books Participants:

1. Read the story at least twice before the meeting. If you read the story a long time ago then re-read the story as you will not remember the story well enough.
2. Read very carefully there are many fascinating things happening in one of these stories that you do not want to miss anything. A vocabulary guide may be given to assist with words that you do not understand. If you did not receive a vocabulary guide then use a dictionary.
3. Talk only about the story – do not talk about different stories or events that do not relate to the story.
4. Speak up. Say what you think and be ready to explain why. Also, speak up if you do not understand something that is being said.
5. Listen carefully and do not interrupt while someone is sharing an idea.
6. Be polite and courteous to your peers. Remember that you are working together as a team to search for the meaning of the story. Let everyone have a chance to share his or her ideas.
7. Be on time and bring your book to every meeting.

A reading list with the dates of discussion will be provided and will also be posted on the school's website as well.

Happy Reading!

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