



Montgomery Middle Schools offer both embedded and extra-curricular opportunities for academic enrichment in English Language Arts.

Embedded In Every Classroom

Language Arts classes follow a workshop philosophy. The Workshop model allows teachers to meet the needs of all of their students by differentiating their instruction and gearing instruction based on information gathered throughout the workshop. The workshop model provides students opportunities to practice reading and writing strategies both independently and with guidance. This model provides students with engaging instruction, a large amount of independent practice and continuous feedback.

The Reading Workshop is a teaching method in which the goal is to teach students strategies for reading and comprehension and to help to foster a love of reading.

The Writing Workshop goals are similar to the Reading Workshop. Students are given opportunities to write in multiple genres (argument, narrative, persuasive, and in response to text) and foster a love of writing. The teacher is a coach, guiding young authors as they explore their craft.

Extra-Curricular

Each school offers opportunities for students to further explore their interests when the school day ends.

One of the tools available is *Compass Learning Odyssey*. This program is available to all students at the middle schools. Odyssey imports students' most recent MAP results, where the different RIT scores are aligned with assignments creating individualized learning paths for each student. This means that each child will be provided with differentiated learning activities that reflect results from the MAP tests. (See the *Compass Learning Odyssey* link for more information)