



## **English Curriculum – Objectives and Outcomes**

The intent of the English program for the Middle School is to infuse a love for the language and reading with a keen emphasis on developing specific linguistic and grammatical skills. The focus is also on consolidating knowledge of acquired skills and on introducing advanced or newer skills.

- ❖ The base texts chosen are “Just A Train Ride Away” by Mini Srinivasan and “Journey to the City of Six Gates” by Graeme Mc Queen.
- ❖ Various experiential approaches of theatre, role play, art and group discussions are woven with reading and writing activities as we explore the texts.

### **Objectives**

Some of the objectives of our approaches to the exploration of the texts are:-

- Expansion of expressive vocabulary – both spoken and written
- Introduction to literary aspects of language such as similes, metaphors and phrasal verbs.
- Clarification of various grammatical concepts and syntax
- Enhancement of comprehension skills such as inferring, predicting, summarizing, reading between the lines, character sketches and identification of themes in the text.
- Designing materials and methodologies that address the various capabilities and interests of a mixed age-group.
- *In addition, the children work on an individualized word-study program based on sound, pattern and meaning and discover generalizations, conventions and irregularities among words.*

### **Outcome**

Some of the outcomes expected are that the children would

- Enthusiastically learn and use new words and linguistic skills
- Develop fluent and accurate reading skills
- Be active readers employing critical and reasoning abilities
- Learn to write answers to specific questions based on the text
- Be creative writers giving expression to their imagination
- Develop intra and interpersonal skills through the various activities that would require them to work individually and in different small groups
- Build text-to-self connections and see stories as a means of making sense of themselves and the world around them.