



Dear Families,

Literacy opens doors to critical thinking, identity, and self-expression. Our ELA program is built to empower students to be purposeful readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and creators as they move into middle school.

New Standards for a New Era of Learning

This year, Georgia introduced updated English Language Arts standards that reflect what students need to succeed in school and beyond. These standards focus on meaningful engagement with texts, thoughtful expression, and real-world literacy. In grades 6–8, students will:

- Read and analyze a wide range of texts, including digital and multimedia sources
- Write for real purposes, using evidence and technique to strengthen their message
- Explore how language, structure, and word choice affect meaning
- Participate in academic conversations and present ideas with clarity and purpose

The standards are grouped into three domains: Language, Texts, and Practices. These domains are closely connected and guide how students read, listen, view, write, speak, and create in today's world. You can learn more about Georgia's English Language Arts (ELA) Standards [here](#).

Core Resource: Savvas myPerspectives

We are introducing myPerspectives, a next-generation, student-centered curriculum for grades 6–8 that:

- Promotes reading and writing across genres and media
- Features close-reading routines with making meaning, language development, and effective expression
- Supports growth through digital tools, formative checks, and performance tasks

In the classroom, students explore thematic units, build language skills, engage in discussions and debate, and complete performance-based assessments that reflect real-world purposes. At home, students can use the same single sign on credentials used at school to access their myPerspectives online dashboard.

Together, we'll support your student's growth as a thoughtful and effective communicator.

Sincerely,

The Cobb County English Language Arts Department