



## MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Fifth through eighth grades at The Covenant Preparatory School is an important time of major transition from the older child to the young adult, so Covenant structures the classes accordingly. The curriculum structure and grading policy in fifth and sixth grade resemble that of the Lower School, but the students learn self-management by having lockers and moving between classes and instructors. In seventh and eighth grade, the students take comprehensive semester exams to help them prepare for the

high school grades. Covenant desires to use the energy and exuberance of the Middle School student to develop a student who is a self-learner and who is learning to think critically. Unique elements in the middle school curriculum such as Latin in fifth through eighth grades and Logic in seventh and eighth grades contribute toward developing students' analytical abilities.

FIFTH GRADE	SIXTH GRADE	SEVENTH GRADE	EIGHTH GRADE
Bible The Gospels	Bible Acts to Revelations	Bible Intro to Theology	Bible Old Testament
English/Language Arts Modern European Literature	English/Language Arts American Literature	English American/Texas Literature	English Ancient Literature
Math	Math	H Pre-Algebra Pre-Algebra	Honors Algebra I* Fundamentals of Algebra
General Science	General Science	Life Science	Physical Science
Modern History (1394-1815)	U.S. History (1820-Present)	American History	Ancient History Ancient Civilizations-Egypt
Basic Latin	Basic Latin	Intro to Latin I	Honors Latin I*
Art/Music	Art/Music	Kings' Choristers (Optional)	Kings' Choristers (Optional)
Computer/Technology	Computer/Technology	Computer/Technology	
Physical Education	Physical Education	Communication	Formal/Informal Logic

*\*High School Credit*

## NOVEL SELECTIONS

\*Please note that class novels may vary slightly from year-to-year

### 5th Grade Class Novels

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis  
*The Keeping Room* by Anna Meyers  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

*King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*  
by Roger Lancelyn Green

### 5th Grade Complementary Novels

Includes Books From 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Levels

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle  
*Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink  
*Derwood, Inc.* by Jeri Massi  
*Father's Promise* by Donnalynn Hess Ages  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*Indian Captive* by Lois Lenski  
*Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson

*Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan  
*Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963* by Curtis Christopher Paul  
*The Cay* by Theodore Taylor  
*The Endless Steppe* by Esther Hautzig  
*The Trumpeter of Krakow* by Eric P. Kelly  
*The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

### 6th Grade Class Novels

*Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London

*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens  
*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery

### 6th Grade Complementary Novels

Includes Books From 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Levels

*A Father's Promise* by D. H. Ages  
*Adam of the Road* by E. J. Gray  
*Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne  
*Calico Bush* by Allen Lewis  
*Daughter of the Mountains* by Louise Rankin  
*Escape from Warsaw* by Ian Serrailier  
*Kidnapped* by R. L. Stevenson  
*Lad: A Dog* by A. Terhunes  
*Little Women* by L. M. Alcott

*Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by M. Taylor  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
*The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore  
*The Phantom Tollbooth* by N. Juster  
*The Treasure in the Tiny Blue Tin* by Dede Fox Ducharme  
*The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings  
*The Wolves of Willoughby* by Chase by J. Aiden  
*West Texas Sunrise* by W. Rawls

In 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, students will be required to read one novel from the "Complementary Novels" list each quarter.

### 7th Grade Class Novels

*Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes  
*Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt

*Lyddie* by Katherine Peterson  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse  
*Devil Storm* by Theresa Nelson

### 8th Grade Class Novels

*The Golden Goblet* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
*Tales of Ancient Egypt* by Robert Lancelyn Green  
*The Analects* by Confucius  
*Greek Myths* by Olivia Coolidge  
*The Labors of Hercules: A Hercule Poirot Collection* by Agatha Christie

*The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*The Metamorphoses* by Ovid, The New, Annotated Edition  
*The Prose Edda* by Snorri Sturluson Translated by Rasmus B. Anderson  
*The Prose Edda: Stories of Norse Gods and Heroes* by Jackson Crawford

Other readings to be provided by the instructor include excerpts from Genesis and other Old Testament writings, Gilgamesh, Enuma Elish, Eridu Genesis, Hammurabi's Code, Herodotus, and Romeo and Juliet.