**Literature: Grades: 7 and 8**

**Day/Time: Thursday: 1:00 – 1:50**

**Tuition:** Annual $620/ Semester $310 (two separate payments)

**Requirements:** Books from the class book list

**Book Packets:** Students receive a book packet with weekly assignments and vocabulary for each book. Assignments are intended for daily study; however, they are guidelines, not requirements. The packet offers a robust literature program for home school students and promotes a study discipline for long-term learning.

**Teacher Expectations:**Students come to class prepared to discuss the week’s reading assignment.

**Course Description:**  Literature 7, 8 examines the use of elements of fiction: setting, mood, tone, and theme to develop an appreciation of their purpose and use in the story. This approach helps develop a keener sense of reading awareness. Additionally, students delve into a more nuanced appreciation of literature through examination and discussion to see how the elements work together as they converge into a unified story.

Understanding of the story elements, along with guided reading helps students appreciate the value of simile, metaphor, hyperbole, alliteration, and other literary terms as active concepts rather than test words. Instead of words to define, these become a means of creative thought.

Through active reading, students are engaged participants rather than passive spectators. They learn to distinguish between average and exceptional literature, and they can articulate why one author wins their approval, and another does not.