

# Shakespeare Enrichment Curriculum for 2018/19

## ALPS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**Days: Monday and Wednesday**

**From: 7:15 am – 8:15 am**

*Start Date: Monday, September 10, 2018*

This class will explore the works of William Shakespeare through a holistic approach that will include British history, reading, critical analysis, research writing and performance.

### **British History**

Students will examine the life and times of William Shakespeare. This will include:

- Elizabethan England
- Historical figures and events
- The biography of William Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre

### **Reading**

Students in this class will read three plays by William Shakespeare. This will include:

- A Tragedy ( *Romeo and Juliet* or *Macbeth*)
- A History (*Henry IV*)
- A Comedy(*A Midsummer Night's Dream* or *Taming of the Shrew*)

### **Critical Analysis**

Students in this class will analyze each play. This which include:

- The breakdown of text in order to examine key elements
- Identifying themes in Shakespeare's plays
- Understanding the author's purpose

### **Research Writing**

Students in this class will develop a plan for their own production of a Shakespeare play. This will include:

- Writing out ideas all based on research
  - Costumes
  - Sets
- Writing out a story about a day in the life of an actor in Shakespeare's troupe

**Performance Students will be given an opportunity to perform scenes from the plays they have studied at a school assembly!**