

## Gladstone's ELA Vision

Gladstone develops courageous thinkers and problem solvers. Our self-motivated and reflective students will have the analytical skills and self-confidence to be leaders within their communities.

ELA Pillars		
Focus	Rigor	Student Understanding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each lesson will be constructed using reading process and comprehension standards (R1+R2, R3 or R4) in order to give authentic meaning to reading.</li><li>• The majority of the lesson will be spent reading, writing or speaking about complex texts.</li><li>• All lessons will have an end task that meets the demand of the standard.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All units will be based around complex text that have qualitative and quantitative value; making sure to have a wide range of texts that provide insight into the experiences of others and understanding of cultures and historical periods.</li><li>• Units will build knowledge by incorporating a variety of genres around the same topics and ideas.</li><li>• Questions will be open-ended and text-dependent, requiring students to seek answers through critical analysis of text, media, interviews, and/or observations.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will talk and answer questions about each other's thinking in order to clarify or improve their understanding.</li><li>• Students will understand the power of words and images to transform lives.</li><li>• Students will develop the habit of reading for enjoyment.</li><li>• Students can explain the purpose for their learning.</li><li>• Teachers will deliberately check for understanding throughout the lesson and adapts the lesson according to student understanding.</li></ul>
<p>Our efforts will lead to: The development and implementation of a challenging curriculum that requires readers to have curiosity, critical thinking skills, cross-curricular connections, creativity, compassion, collaboration and empathy to make meaning of the world.</p>		