

Baird's Scholars Elective

5th, 6th, and 7th Grade

Scholars is part of Baird's elective wheel. All students 5th-7th grade will have experienced all electives (Agriculture, Scholars, Technology, and German) by the end of the year.

The goal for the Scholars elective is to ensure that ALL students:

- ❖ Will be exposed to a variety of WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading) strategies that will enhance the education and performance of all students in 5th through 8th Grade.

To achieve this goal:

- ❖ Students will keep **ONE** binder for all of their classes.
- ❖ Students will take Cornell Notes in every academic class, every day. Research shows that quality note-taking is essential for student success in school.
- ❖ Students will participate in college awareness activities.
- ❖ Students will be engaged in reading to learn and writing to learn activities designed to supplement their academic experience. Stronger readers and writers perform better at both the high school and the college levels.

Class Objectives:

- ❖ **Writing** - including quick-write activities, summaries, reflections, writing prompts
- ❖ **Inquiry** Activities such as Costa's Levels of Inquiry, Socratic Seminars, Philosophical Chairs, and issues dealing with current events
- ❖ **Collaboration**
- ❖ **Organization** - Students will have weekly agenda and binder checks. Students will use Cornell Note format to take notes in all classes.
- ❖ **Reading**: Students will be exposed to rigorous text and use a variety of reading strategies to increase comprehension.

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