



SSAT Prep and Study Skills

Course Overview

The SSAT Prep and Study Skills Course is for students entering grades 6th through 9th wishing to take the SSAT to apply for private school admission, or to improve on their present skills in preparation for the upcoming school year. Both English and Math will be covered. In addition, the course will emphasize study skills needed for academic success in a college prep curriculum.

- **Verbal Skills:** Students will be given the opportunity to improve their verbal, writing, and reading comprehension abilities. Activities include direct instruction on reading comprehension approaches, essay construction, and learning and reviewing vocabulary words that commonly appear on the SSAT. Students will discover how to use word match, context and foundations of vocabulary through roots, prefixes, suffixes, and word construction as skills to approach the verbal sections.
- **Math Skills:** For the math portion, students will learn test taking skills, and be provided direct instruction and review of concepts such as whole numbers, integers, fractions, decimals, percents, square roots, powers, algebraic expressions and equations, basic geometry, and word problems. Also covered in the course are specific approaches to the math sections, including 'quick checks' and time-saving strategies.
- **Study Skills:** Effective study skills strategies will be reviewed. Students will be taught the fundamental skills of note taking, daily studying, taking notes from a text, test preparation, test reflection, and more. The use of technology in the classroom will be integrated into the lessons; emphasis will be placed on study apps that can help students, how to properly use technology in the classroom, and digital citizenship. Students will have the opportunity to utilize all of the taught study skills throughout the course.