



Why I Read

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"The best books are the ones that leave me wanting to know where the characters go and what they experience next. Ms. Lage and Ms. Petrich have introduced me to several that have become new favorites!" —*Ilse Larson, Development and Admission Coordinator*

"Reading, like theatre, allows me to escape reality for a short time, and see the world through another's eyes." —*Heather Mastel, Lower and Middle School Theatre Teacher*

"Books help me escape a stressful day or enjoy a lazy day. I always tell my students that books are treasures." —*Debbie LaChapelle, Pre-K Teacher*

"I love to read because it is a way for me to relax and I get to imagine whatever world is taking place in my book. (Hogwarts is a pretty amazing place!)" —*Jess Powell, Middle School Physical Education Teacher*

"I refer to Sir Francis Bacon's essay entitled 'Of Studies.' 'Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.'" —*David Loo, Upper School English Teacher*

"I love to read because a good book helps me get out of my head where my thoughts are racing. A good book allows me to immerse myself in another place, time, or situation where I am not in charge or responsible to make decisions." —*Marina Dale, Middle School Social Studies Teacher*

"I read because there's nothing better than the feeling of getting lost in a really good book!" —*Tim Sheehan, Lower and Upper School Physical Education Teacher*

"I love to read as it allows me to 'escape' into the story. I particularly like thriller/political books that allow me to pursue my passions and interests." —*Mark Segal, Upper School Director*

"One of the reasons why I love to read is because it helps me to see the world through different eyes, to imagine myself and my attitudes in different times and places, both imaginary and real, and to reflect on the experiences of others very different from myself. In short, reading is one of the several strategies I use to develop empathy." —*Matthew Wright, Middle School Social Studies Teacher*

Why I Read, continued ...

I love to read because it gives me a chance to experience people, places, and things from different eras. I also love to read because it is a form of relaxation. Reading makes me feel part of life. —*Michele Maturen, Upper School Math Teacher*

"I read because...I LOVE words + ideas + ways to see the world through other's eyes. I read to be transported, challenged, and enlightened." —*Lisa Buck, Middle and Upper School Art Teacher*

"Though a math major, I have always loved to read. Sometimes I read to escape, other times to learn, and always when I want to relax. I am so excited for the students of MPA who will soon have a very vibrant library in which to escape, learn, and relax." —*Nansee Greeley, Longtime Faculty Member and Administrator*

"I love reading for a variety of reasons. I love reading daily news in English, Spanish, and Portuguese to keep me abreast of what is going on in the world and to see the different perspectives from different countries. It's always fascinating to see what the world has in common with how we see ourselves and how others see us." —*Marisue Gleason, Middle and Upper School Language Teacher*

"Reading provides a window into perspectives different from my own. This glimpse affords me the opportunity to have more compassion for people of all walks of life, even those whose viewpoints do not align with mine. I read to better understand the world around us with the hope of building a future that includes the stories and histories of all people." —*Elizabeth Flinsch, Middle and Upper School Art Teacher*

"Reading is a magical escape into the pages of whatever you are reading at the time!"
—*Angela Gerstner, Lower and Middle Admissions Coordinator*

"I love to read because it gives me an escape from the real world and I try to imagine my life through the book setting. I enjoy reading stories of how the West was settled and the issues of the time."
—*Rose Wick, Business Office Assistant*

"Reading presents an opportunity to wonder what it would feel like to be that character. Imagining a completely different life provides an escape. It gives your mind a chance to turn off the stressful aspects of life." —*Patti Osman, Upper School Learning Specialist*

"I like to read because when I find a good book it takes my thoughts and concentration to another place, a place where the only expectations are to observe and be entertained." —*Dave McGaha, Upper School Physical Education Teacher*