



Words Matter

Animated/Live-Action Short Film Program

Grades 3-5 (Ages 8-10)

90 minute program includes media education

All world language films will be screened with English subtitles.

Characters in these films recognize the power of the word! Whether collecting them, as Max does in the first film; or finding and “owning” their meaning, as Alex tries to grasp, in “Encyclopedia”. The hero in the Oscar-winning animated short film, Mr. Lessmore, finds the true meaning of words: to bring connection and life from the page to the reader. In another film, “pages” in Dad’s imagination have come to life, and it’s up to “The Young Detectives” to help find the lost writer in his tangled words. Compare and contrast – what do these films and film versions of poems and stories have to tell us about where words come from, feelings and motivations?

Films from Brazil, Norway, and the US.

Themes: Word structure, definition. Point of view, character. Paying it forward. Love of words, character feelings and connections, internal life of books.



Pictured: *Encyclopedia*

Films Screened:

Max's Words
Comic Books: A Practical Guide
The Owl and the Pussycat
The Young Detectives:
“World of Imagination”
Wallace's Lists
Encyclopedia
The Fantastic Flying Books
of Mr. Morris Lessmore

- \$6 per student (25 student minimum)
- Teachers/chaperones free
- Screenings at Facets Multi-Media in Lincoln Park 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60614
- In-school screening option also available
- Curriculum aligned with Common Core Standards provided prior to screenings

