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Night 2023-2024

Middle School Teachers:

6th Grade

Mrs. Lovera (6th Math, 6th Religion, 6th Science)

Mrs. Walls (6th Language Arts, Literature & SS)

7th Grade

Mrs. Hruba (7th & 8th Math, 7th Religion)

Mrs. Pak (7th Language Arts & Literature)

Mr. Ziencina (7th & 8th Science, 7th Religion)

8th Grade

Mrs. Smigielski (7th & 8th Social Studies, 7th Religion)

Ms. Tegtmeier (8th Language Arts, Literature & Religion)



6th Grade Literature

Text: *Into Reading* curriculum

- Various genre studies: short stories, informational texts

Novel Studies:

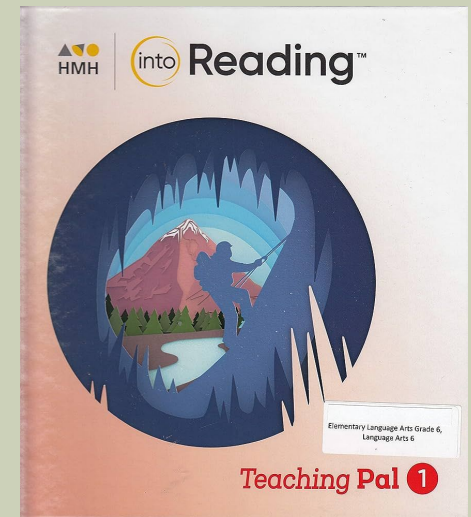
Nonfiction: Freedom Walkers by Russell Freeman

Science Fiction: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Historical Fiction: Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Relevant Topics:

- Theme
- Analysis
- Citing Text Evidence
- Plot Structure
- Text Features in Nonfiction
- Comprehension



6th Grade Language Arts

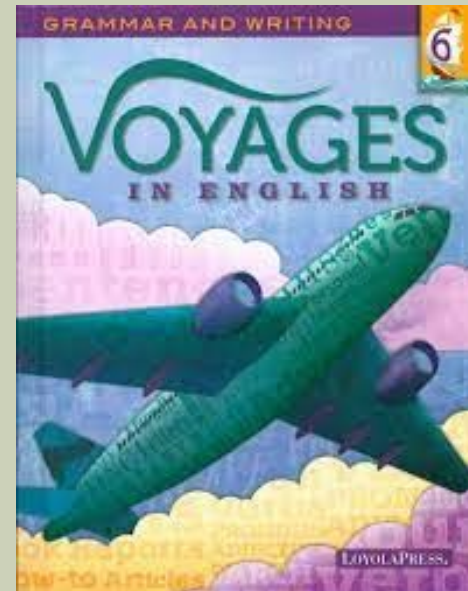
Book: *Voyages in English* (Grammar and Writing Textbook)

The grammar concepts will connect with the larger writing assignments.

Students will learn how to write in MLA style.

Writing overview for the year:

- Narrative
- Informational
- Research
- Argumentative
- Poetry
- Creative Writing



6th Grade Social Studies

ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

Textbook: *World Studies: The Ancient World* (Prentice Hall)

Emphasis is on:

- The Beginnings of Human Society
- The Fertile Crescent (Mesopotamia)
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient China
- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome



6th Grade Religion

RELIGION: Catholic values are discussed and integrated not only in Religion class, but in all learning. Students will learn about the Catholic faith through stories, activities, scripture, prayer, discussion and reflection. The text used for instruction is Finding God. Emphasis is on:

- God, Jesus Christ & the Holy Spirit
- Sacraments
- Participation in worship ministry
- Service to others
- Church history
- Morality
- Church responsibility & participation
- Family Life Program



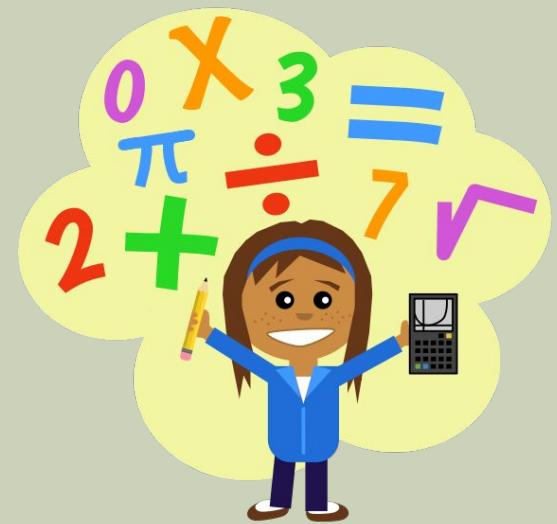
Service Day Theme: Ability Awareness

6th Grade Math

MATHEMATICS The University of Chicago Everyday Mathematics-Common Core Edition builds on understanding mathematics with a focus on problem solving in everyday situations and mathematical contexts.

Emphasis is on:

- collection, display & interpretation of data
- fraction operations
- number systems
- operations with whole numbers, integers & decimals
- variables, formulas & graphs
- rational number uses & operations
- algebraic expressions and equations concepts
- probability & discrete mathematics
- rates & ratios
- geometry topics of area and volume
- iReady Math



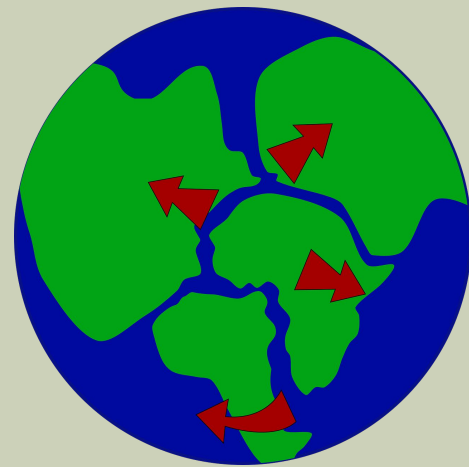
6th Grade Science

HMH SCIENCE DIMENSIONS™

Students use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. Students identify problems, formulate and test hypotheses, and evaluate experimental results.

Emphasis is on:

- Geological processes and history
- Plate tectonics
- Weathering/erosion
- Earthquakes, volcanoes
- Forces, motion, and fields
- Forces and motion
- Electric and magnetic forces
- Ecosystems



7th Grade Religion

Text Book: Finding God - Following Jesus (Loyola Press 2014)

Content Covered:

The life of Jesus and our role as disciples.

Sunday Gospels - Visions Magazine

Importance of living a life like Jesus.

Materials:

Textbook, Chromebook, Bible, Outside resources

Grades based on total points earned.

Service Theme: Human & Civil Rights

Service Hours will be required. TBD.



SOCIAL STUDIES

- Text for Grades 7 and 8 – America: History of Our Nation – Civil War to the Present (Prentice Hall)
- The text provides the initial framework for content and concepts studied.
- Google Classroom will be used: Supplemental materials will also be presented and discussed in class, and are a key part of both courses.
- Note-taking is very important! Review of notes is essential for success.
- Grades based on total points.



7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

Students prepare for their role as informed citizens in a democratic society.

Curriculum consists of:

- The early years of the United States
- The US Constitution
- The IL Constitution
- The American Civil War
- Reconstruction
- America at the turn of the century
- The Progressive Era.
- **In addition, the State of Illinois requires that students pass tests on the United States Constitution and the Illinois Constitution.**
- We will also cover the conflict in Sudan in conjunction with the 7th Grade Service Theme.



8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

Students prepare for their role as informed citizens in a democratic society by building an awareness of our nation's history.

Emphasis is on:

- Imperialism
- Prelude to war, WWI
- WWII
- Holocaust
- Roaring 20s & the Great Depression
- Cold War
- Korean War
- Civil Rights
- Vietnam
- End of the Cold War
- Conflict in the Middle East
- The threat of Terrorism



7th Grade Literature

Books: *The Language of Literature* textbook and interactive reader - novels, short stories, poetry, and supplementary reading material.

We will be studying:

Novels:

- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

Play:

- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

Topics:

- Textual Analysis (Variety of genres)
- Reading Strategies (making predictions, identifying text structure)
- Plot Diagrams, Themes, Characterization, Literary Elements, Figurative Language, Style

-Students will attend library for book check-out every other Thursday

7th Grade Language Arts

Book: *Voyages in English* (grammar and writing textbook) and supplementary materials for class activities and exercises

*Grammar exercises, vocabulary, and writing projects will be connected to the context and themes of the texts we will be studying in Literature class.

Most of the LA homework will be on Google Classroom.

*MLA Format

Students will write a variety of papers this year:

- Personal Narrative
- Business Letter
- Creative Fiction Writing
- Argumentative Writing
- How-To Article
- Poetry

7th and 8th Grade Science

Resource:

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***Engineered around NGSS**

We will:

- Investigate science topics by:
 - Creating driving question boards (**engage**)
 - Performing hands-on activities (**explore**)
 - Using technology and writing workbooks to enhance understanding (**elaborate**)
 - Writing explanations (**evaluate**)

7th Grade Science

With a combination of the NEW Resource, various exploratory activities, and chromebooks:

***We will begin the year learning the Scientific Method to practice experimentation.**

- 1st trimester: Space Science
- 2nd trimester: Chemistry
- 3rd trimester: Earth's Water & Atmosphere

Emphasis on Engineering model using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

8th Grade Science

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***We will begin the year learning the Scientific Method to practice experimentation.**

- **1st trimester: Cells and Heredity**
- **2nd trimester: The Diversity of Living Things**
- **3rd trimester: Energy & Energy Transfer**

Emphasis on Engineering model using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

8th Grade Literature

Books: The Language of Literature, novels, and supplementary reading materials.

We will study the following:

- Short Story/Poetry (literary elements)
- Informational Texts
- **To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee**
- **Night by Elie Wiesel**
- **The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton**

Topics studied: Textual Analysis, Reading Strategies (making predictions, identifying text structure)

Themes, Characterization, Literary Elements, Figurative Language, and Style

- Students will attend library for book check-out every other Thursday.
- Grades based on total points earned.

8th Grade Language Arts

Book: **Voyages in English(grammar and writing)**

Grammar will be studied; students will write each day.

Students will write a variety of papers this year including:

- Personal Narrative
- Business Letter
- Reader's Response
- Creative Writing/Poetry
- How-to Article
- Argument Writing
- Research Paper
- Students will read and respond to an Article of the Week each week(there is a link on Weebly).
- IReady lessons will be completed in class each week
- We will also study vocabulary including Greek/Latin roots. Students have a workbook for this!

8th Grade Language Arts

Grammar exercises, vocabulary, and writing projects will be connected to the context and themes of the texts we will be studying in Literature class.

Grades based on total points earned.

8th Grade Religion

Books/Materials: Finding God: Celebrating Church, Confirmed in the Spirit, Visions Magazine, Bible

Content Covered:

Church History: The early Church to the present

Service Theme: Advocates for Social Justice.

Service Hours: Students will document service hours on the Google Form in Homeroom Google Classroom. More info to come!

Confirmation Preparation - Confirmation will be in November, 2024 for this year's 8th Graders

Grades based on total points earned.

7th Grade Math

Pre-Algebra Curriculum - McGraw Hill

Course 2

- Ratios, percentages and proportional relationships
- Operations with Integers and Rational Numbers
- Algebraic expressions, equations and inequalities
- Geometry: Angles, triangles, scale drawings, three dimensional figures, circumference, etc.
- Probability and Sampling

Instructional Resources: Digital Source & Consumable Workbook.

iReady - Requirement: 2 Lessons per week.

7th Grade Math

Pre-Algebra Curriculum - McGraw Hill

Accelerated

- Ratios, percentages and proportional relationships
- Operations with Integers and Rational Numbers
- Expressions, equations and inequalities
- Geometry: circumference, area, and volume
- Statistics: random samples and population/analyzing and comparing data
- Probability: experimental, theoretical, and simulations

Instructional Resources: Digital Source & Consumable Workbook.

iReady - Requirement: 2 Lessons per week.

8th Grade Math

Algebra Course 3 - McGraw Hill

- Real numbers, exponents, & scientific notation
- Proportional and nonproportional relationships and functions
- Solving equations
- Solving systems of equations
- Transformational geometry
- Measurement geometry: Pythagorean Theorem & volume
- Statistics: scatter plots & two-way tables

Instructional Resources: Digital Source & Consumable Workbook. There is a Hardcover edition in the classroom.

** Differentiation in the instruction for students approaching grade level, at grade level and above grade level.*

iReady - Requirement: Complete 2 Lessons per week

8th Grade Algebra Accel

Algebra 1 - McGraw Hill

- Expressions, equations & functions
- Properties of real numbers
- Solving linear equations
- Graphing linear equations & functions
- Solving & graphing linear inequalities
- Systems of equations & inequalities
- Exponential functions & equations
- Polynomial expressions & functions
- Quadratic equations & functions
- Rational equations & functions
- Radicals & geometry connection

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Expectations

- 1) Be on time.
- 2) Be prepared for class!
 - a) Chromebook Charged
 - b) PENCIL - no pens allowed in class
 - c) Spiral Notebook
 - d) Math/Religion Books
- 3) Follow directions
- 4) In Uniform - (SOCKS, BELTS, SWEATSHIRT, SHOES)
- 5) Be Respectful
- 6) Classroom Management: C-CHAMPS
 - Chromebook, Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation, Success
- 7) Please email Ms. Hruby if there is a problem with homework getting completed. Frequent incomplete assignments? Parents will be notified and recommendation for student intervention.

How Our Math Class Works!

- 1) Come into the classroom with your red spiral notebook, class workbook, chromebook, pencil, red pen and calculator.
- 2) Open red spiral and workbook to show homework has been completed and corrected with red pen.
- 3) Go over problems in class
- 4) New Instruction
- 5) Homework: should be completed online or in the workbook, red spiral to show work, correct homework answers either in back of book (odds) or on digital platform. Make any corrections and bring any questions to class.
- 6) Each Lesson will have an ALEKS lesson assigned to support learning. This can be used as additional practice or to study for the quizzes and tests. Occasionally it will be homework.

How Our Math Class Works!

Grading

- 1) Participation: Completed Homework and iRead Lessons (2 per week)
- 2) Quizzes are given mid-module
- 3) Tests are given at the end of every module
- 4) Occasionally other quizzes may be given through various mediums.

Retakes

- Students can retake a test if it is a C or lower.
- They will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ credit back.
- They must complete the retake assignment before taking the retake.
- They must retake the test within 2 weeks of the original test.
- They must retake the test before/after school or during lunch.

Math Club & Test Prep

Math Club - Starting end of Sept!

Goal: To build problem solving skills and positive attitudes about math!

Will include: games, explorations, problem set, and monthly challenges. We may also engage in national online competitions.

- *High School Test Prep is separate from Math Club.*
- *Local High School Competitions are open to any math students and are not part of the Math Club.*

Grades & Retakes

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Executive Function and Late Work Policy

- Students follow the color coding system for binders/folders in all classes.
- Lockers are set up with Morning Classes on top shelf and afternoon classes on the bottom.
- Homework can be written in assignment notebook and can be verified on the Google Homework Calendar.
- **Late means that the work is not available at the time it is supposed to be turned in.**

Students are expected to complete all assignments to the best of their abilities and turn them in on time. One point will be deducted for each day an assignment is late. If an assignment is not turned in, a zero will be put into PowerSchool until the assignment is submitted. Final grades will not be lower than 50%.

- *Teachers can use their discretion based upon the circumstances for a late assignment.

Stop Think Plan - STP

Positive Approach - Consequences

If a student does not follow student expectations listed in the handbook, the following will occur:

1. Warning
2. STP issued and sent home for signature.
3. 2 STP's in a 2 week period, the student will not be eligible to participate in the Fun Friday Reward.
4. 3 STP's issued in a 2 week period, student will serve a Thursday detention and lose fun friday.
5. 4 + STP's in a 2 week period - administration is notified - teacher consequence.
6. Clean slate will start every two weeks.

Reward Program

If a student does not receive 2 STP's in the 2 week period they will be eligible to participate in the Fun Friday Reward.

Uniform and Reminders

- ❑ Please review handbook for details of uniform policy.
- ❑ Please check skirt length and purchase a new one if the skirt is too short
- ❑ Gym shoes - no high tops



8th Grade Activities

Please check out our weebly for a list of 8th Grade activities and dates.

historysfx.weebly.com

or

tegtmeyer.weebly.com



Service Overview

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**See the Good.
Be the Light.
Make the
Difference.**

