

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Gr. 7 Curriculum

LANGUAGE ARTS

The English course consists of grammar, writing and vocabulary. Students learn grammar such as punctuation, capitalization, parts of speech, sentence structure, as well as phrases and clauses. They apply these rules to effective skills by participating in writer's workshops in which they learn to write personal narratives, descriptive writing, persuasive writing, compare and contrast essays, expository essays, five paragraph essays and the structure of an essay, an effective introduction, middle, and conclusion of an essay. In addition, an in-depth vocabulary curriculum includes part of speech, vocabulary in context, synonyms, antonyms, and pronunciation/stress marks. Literature is novel based with analysis of all parts of the novel, i.e., plot, theme, characterization, and setting, among others. Students learn to annotate and make text to text, text to self, and text to world connections. Students read and analyze four novels. Among them are *The Outsiders*, *The Giver*, and *Wonder*. Students also study fables, myths, legends, short stories, poetry and poetic devices.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION

Grade 7 English Curriculum for grammar and composition includes the identification of the 8 parts of speech-nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections. Attention will also be given to the rules of capitalization and punctuation. Students will also identify dependent and independent clauses as well as adjectival and adverbial phrases. The aim is for students to apply knowledge of grammar to writing. The composition component will include writing different types of paragraphs-expository, descriptive persuasive, and essays. In paragraph writing, students will learn how to develop the skills to writing a coherent, unified, and well-structured paragraphs by applying the steps of the writing process. Students will create interesting topic sentences, a strong body with middle sentences, and a conclusion. Vocabulary Workshop will also be taught in conjunction with the grammar and composition course. Greek and Latin Roots, definitions, words in context, synonyms antonyms, and choosing the correct word will be stressed.

AMERICAN HISTORY

Students study the beginnings of colonization in America, the American Revolution, the Civil War as well as the constitution and American citizenship. Students learn to connect history to the current world and how it affects their lives today. The course uses an interactive online text giving students the opportunity to utilize technology in the classroom.

MATH - PRE-ALGEBRA

This is a teacher wrap around series. The students will be learning about Integers, rational numbers, ratios and proportions, equations and inequalities as well as graphing. This is the first step to the students learning the basics of Algebra. Includes IXL for added practice.

SCIENCE

Pearson Realize is our current online science book. The program is geared towards and follows Massachusetts State Standards. It is a combination of Life, Earth and Physical Science. The text includes biology, astronomy, ecosystems, soil, weathering and volcanoes. Students need a working iPad, surface or Kindle for every class in order to interact and read text.

RELIGION

Units include: 1. Who is God?, 2. Who is Jesus?, 3. How is Jesus Christ Alive in the Church Today?, 4. How Does the Church Live as the Body of Christ?, all with Catechism Connections, Biblical Basis, Saints, Blesseds and Devotions.

SPANISH – Part II (once a week)

Introductory Spanish including vocabulary and conversation.