



Upper Middle Grades Curriculum and Activities

Reading

Literature Circles:

- Hatchet; Johnny Tremain
- My Brother Sam is Dead
- The Watson's Go To Birmingham
- Helen Keller
- The Incredible Journey
- Bridge to Terabithia

Mathematics

PreAlgebra concepts includes solving equations and inequalities, linear and nonlinear functions, numeric and geometric patterns, graphing lines, slope-intercept form, and mental math and real world applications emphasized. Algebra I, calculator use

Social Studies Themes

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Sylvan Speed Reading, World Geography (7th) and Tennessee History (8th)

Science Themes

Plant Structures and Functions, Life Cycles and Ecosystems, Solar System and Weather, Rocks and Minerals, Electricity, Matter, Motion and Machines, Human Growth/Development Science, Fair at Tenn. Tech

Community Service Project

Genesis House

Grammar

Types of pronouns, pronouns and antecedents, possessive nouns and

pronouns, adjectives and adverb forms, prepositional phrases, compound sentences, verb tenses, irregular verbs, word usage, words that are commonly confused.

Language Arts

Handwriting: Handwriting With Out Tears (cursive)

Vocabulary: Wordly Wise and Word Walls

Writing Goals:

7th Grade: To write complete 7 paragraph essays using Power Writing process.

8th Grade: To write complete 8 paragraph essays using Power Writing process.

Music and Art

Art: Intro to art appreciation, mannerism, baroque period, rococo, neoclassicism, romanticism, realism, impressionist, pop culture, post-impressionist

Music: intro to music appreciation, classical, country, western, Christmas Musical, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, jazz, talent show

Spanish

Introduction to the basic skills of Spanish or French speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing

Physical Education

Swimming, bowling, skating, horseback riding, aerobics, laser tag, yoga and tumbling.