

Seventh Grade



Scripture that guides my teaching comes from II Corinthians 5:15 - Christ died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Mrs. Joy Yurk, teacher

RELIGION

Our two main points of focus are deepening our relationship with Jesus and preparing for Confirmation. Four main topics covered are:

- ◆ Reading God's Word and Worship
- ◆ The Ten Commandments
- ◆ The Lord's Prayer
- ◆ The Creed

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

St. Paul joins with two other area Lutheran schools for three days at Camp Anokijig in Plymouth, WI, to experience hands-on science and nature lessons, to develop connections with each other, and to grow in their walk with Christ. Activities include:

- ◆ survival and team building
- ◆ pond and raptor studies
- ◆ night hikes and campfire devotions

SCIENCE

We study Life Science using **Elevate Science** by **Savvas**. Topics covered include:

- ◆ Living Things
- ◆ Cells
- ◆ Reproduction & Growth
- ◆ Ecosystems
- ◆ Genes & Heredity

In-class projects include dissections, plant or animal cells model-making and a leaf collection.

TECHNOLOGY

Seventh grade is in the second of three years of **Learning with Computers** by **Thompson-Southwestern**. National Education Technology Standards (NETS) are met. Course work includes:

- ◆ Microsoft Excel
- ◆ Microsoft PowerPoint
- ◆ Microsoft Word
- ◆ Internet Safety
- ◆ Web research

SOCIAL STUDIES

In World History and Culture, the goal is for the students to learn about places around the world. We will focus on

- ◆ Geography
- ◆ Culture
- ◆ History
- ◆ Project-based Learning

LANGUAGE ARTS

In 7th grade, our literature, vocabulary, writing, and English grammar studies are being taught in a block schedule to allow for integrating the content and skills within subjects. The foundation for reading instruction is based on comprehension strategies which are directly taught, modeled, practiced and assessed through novel units. The novel units are supplemented with related short stories, poetry, and nonfiction texts that build connections to the time period, events presented, or experiences of the characters, enabling students to better understand the perspectives of others. Vocabulary instruction includes the study of Greek and Latin roots, units from the **Sadlier Achieve Series**, and application in both writing and reading, extending into other content areas as well. Both writing and grammar skills spiral throughout the year, building one another in order to create products that not only demonstrate specific skills, but also reflect development in thought and expression.

MATH

St. Paul teaches **Reveal Math** by MacGraw Hill in 7th grade. There is an online platform that gives students access to online textbooks, lessons, videos and activities. Areas covered include:

- ◆ Proportional relationships
- ◆ Operations with integers and rational numbers
- ◆ Algebraic expressions and geometric figures
- ◆ Measuring figures and geometric figures
- ◆ Probability, sampling and statistics

ART

Students receive instruction in a variety of art mediums and styles. These styles are learned by studying past and present day artists. A sketch book is used in class to help the students plan and sketch their projects.

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