

What to expect in 7th grade

Characteristics of this year – seven class changes, more oral information given, auditory skills are taxed, less prompting by the teacher, tests get harder, independent reading, management of assignments, homework increases, lecture from several teachers, more long-range assignments, more details to manage, less organization imposed, study skills are a must, students become more social focused.

Seventh grade will take a history field trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee in the spring of the year. The dates have been set for the week of March 27 - 29, 2018. The cost for this trip will be \$350. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due by August 31, 2017. A letter with more details will be emailed separately.

Homeroom supplies – Please provide two boxes of Kleenex

General supplies for all classes – You may choose to get a three-ring binder for each class or one large three-ring trapper keeper for all classes. A homework folder will be provided for all middle school students. Organization is Key! **Students will need the following items for all classes:** blue/black pens, pencils, notebook paper (college ruled) and at least two flash drives. All students will need access to a computer, the internet, and a printer. Please pay attention to specific supplies needed for each class listed below.

Classes – pre-algebra, 7th math, American history, life science, language arts, Latin, Bible, electives.

7th Math – A syllabus with specific information about this course will be given on the first day of school. **Supplies needed** – large spiral notebook with folder inserts (pockets), graph paper and one Jumbo book cover.

Pre-algebra – This course is designed to introduce students to basic pre-algebra concepts, problem solving strategies and real world applications. Students will be introduced to and given the opportunity to use specific pre-algebra terms, as well as those of geometry and algebra. Students will explore these concepts through a multistep approach, including guided instruction, modeling of appropriate problem solving strategies, and opportunities to apply newly acquired skills.

Supplies needed – large spiral notebook with folder inserts (pockets), graph paper, TI30XIIS calculator (needs negative numbers and square root), and a jumbo book cover.

Science – Students will explore God's creation, beginning with the cell, and exploring the entire human body. Students will also study all the world's biomes and plants. They will participate in many experiments and have opportunities for hands-on learning.

Supplies needed –color pencil set (please purchase Crayola erasable pencils), jumbo book cover for text, one 3-prong folder with pockets, 1 bag individually wrapped candy, no chocolate or gum please, and two glue sticks (this will be placed in the classroom for a class set).

History – An introduction to the history of America with a focus on American geography, government, economics, religion and culture.

Supplies needed – a 2 pocket folder.

Literature – In this course, students will be studying concepts of critical reading and be introduced to a variety of literary devices. Students will also explore different genres and literary styles within the following works: *Amos Fortune*, *Free Man*, *Edge on the Sword*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, and *The Hobbit*, *Silent Storm, I*, *Juan de Pareja*, *Lost in the Barrens*, *Kidnapped* and *C.S. Lewis: The Man Behind Narnia*. Students will respond to literature through various writing and blogging. Students will improve vocabulary and critical thinking skills as they prepare for SAT's.

Specific Supplies needed – choice of colored pen for grading and editing, five pack of Post-It Notes (per semester), and students will need regular access to a computer, the internet, and a printer.

Grammar and Writing - This course is designed to enhance students' grammar and writing skills. Students will be able to identify various grammar rules, gain a clear understanding of grammar usage, and compose an assortment of writing assignments, including essays and research papers.

Supplies needed – college-ruled spiral notebook, large folder for handouts, colored pencils, choice of colored pen for grading, and 2 highlighters (different colors). Students will need regular access to a computer, the internet, and a printer.

Bible – *Survival Quest* – In-depth Scriptural study of the life of an Old or New Testament character. Using both positive and negative examples, students learn from the context of the individual's life how to face both the challenges of everyday living and the challenges of overwhelming experiences.

Supplies needed – Bible (students will be required to bring a Bible to Bible class daily). A memory verse will be assigned weekly for memorization.

Latin – Students will learn the basics of Latin – the language of the ancient Romans. They will explore the culture and history of Rome and reflect on its continued impact on the modern world. Students will also consider the spiritual value in studying an ancient foreign language and culture, particularly God's use of human languages as a means to reveal His Truth to all mankind, as well as the impact of Christ and the early church on the Roman Empire and, subsequently, the world.

Supplies needed: Folder or small binder