

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Grid Curriculum

## 2011-2012

### ***Language Arts***

Literature Book- by McDougal Littell

Lit. AK for Text- Teacher's Edition Packet ( answers to end of story activities)

Lit Unit Selection tests ( Begin with Unit 1-2)

Resource Manager Answer Key ( Unit 1-2)

English Text - Houghton Mifflin

English Workbook Plus ( packet on shelf)

English Workbook Plus -Teacher's Edition ( on shelf)

HM Grammar and Writing Assessment Packet ( on shelf)

Word Wise – Vocabulary and Spelling

Word Wise and Teacher's Edition

### ***Mathematics***

California Pre-Algebra - Prentice Hall Mathematics

Math Standards Review & Practice Book

All in One Student Workbook as needed

### ***Science***

Life Science Text – HOLT

Study Guide B Book – HOLT

Chapter Quizzes and Tests Packet (Found on shelves)

Answer Key

Interactive Reader ( as needed)

### ***Social Science***

Medieval and Early Modern Times (MMT) text - Glencoe

Chapter Quizzes and Tests

Kids Discover Magazines (found in GLD)

Maps and Graphs - G

# **Introduction**

The seventh grade year is a milestone year for the students. They are mastering their educational skills, learning to work independently, and preparing themselves to begin their high school years. This year long plan encompasses the California State Standards for seventh grade, but also leaves room for flexibility in curriculum planning.

## **Curriculum**

### **READING**

The reading is centered around the Language of Literature anthologies by McDougal Littell. Approximately every three weeks a half unit will be covered. Your student will have a list of stories from which to choose and do the suggested activities. Assessments will be available for each selection. The plan is designed to cover at least one story a week. If your student is highly motivated, he or she may read all of the selections.

### **TRADEBOOKS**

In addition to the textbook, we suggest including the recommended tradebooks with your student's weekly work. These suggested books will connect with, enhance, and enrich the core curriculum. You may know of additional books that you would also like to include. It is very important to supplement core academics by encouraging at least 30 minutes daily free reading. VOCS has made a conscientious effort to procure the tradebooks listed on the grid for our library. A number of the tradebooks have corresponding literature units available for your use.

### **LANGUAGE ARTS**

English is an in depth study of the writing process as well as the grammar skills necessary for reading and writing success. The first half of the book reviews all the elements of grammar and the exercises reinforce the learned skills. The second half of the book goes over the elements of effective writing and different types of writing formats with examples and explanations for teaching strong writing skills.

Word Wise is a workbook designed to continue reinforcing the vocabulary and spelling skills already learned as well as present the student with more

challenging word lists. Do the new lesson's workbook pages each week, give a practice spelling test, work on the difficult words, and then give a final test at week's end. For something different have the student use the list of words in a creative writing activity.

## **MATHEMATICS**

Our school-wide recommended curriculum for math is Prentice Hall- California Pre-Algebra. This curriculum is closely correlated to the State Standards. The chapters in the book cover algebraic expressions, integers, solving equations and inequalities, decimals, factors, fractions and exponents, ratios, proportions, percents, linear functions, graphing, spatial thinking, geometry, nonlinear functions, and data analysis. This curriculum offers an abundance of practice to support mastery of concepts. There is also an abundance of online support to help with teaching your student. Parents may access the Teacher's Edition online. Parents should spend adequate time on instruction and check for understanding prior to student's independent practice.

Math Standards Review and Practice Workbook (MSRWB) provides additional practice for the California Standards test students take in the spring of each year. Prentice Hall publishes a practice book to prepare students for this test. Pages have been assigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade grid to give students practice over time. This workbook does not follow the chapter order, so students will move from concept to concept throughout the workbook rather than following consecutive pages.

This course will continue to build on your student's math foundation to prepare him or her for Algebra 1 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **SCIENCE**

Life Science is the text we recommend for science. In addition to the regular reading, it is full of hands-on activities and experiments to reinforce the learning. We also have an extensive science kit program which offers additional means of "experimentation".

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Medieval and Early Modern Times (MMT) gives an in-depth look at the Medieval and Early Modern Times, starting with the New Empires and New Faiths, and moving from the Middle Ages, to a Changing World, and finally to Exploration and Enlightenment. Social Studies content standards for 7<sup>th</sup> grade are designed to measure a student's knowledge of world history from the Fall of Rome to the Age of Enlightenment.

Chapter Quizzes and Tests (QT) This supplement to the history text provides review and assessment of understanding of the reading.

## **ART**

While art is an enrichment subject, there are many ways to incorporate art appreciation into daily academics. Throughout the Language of Literature textbook there are works of fine art. Take the opportunity to have your student look at a painting and discuss the elements of the artwork. This could also be a start for a creative writing activity. The student might also like to try creating a picture of his or her own to go along with a reading assignment. VOCS has unit studies with activities on these artists: da Vinci, Monet, Picasso, Renoir, and Van Gogh. These are available for check out throughout the year. We also have an excellent selection of library books covering various artists, art appreciation, and art activities

## **ENRICHMENT**

VOCS offers a variety of enrichment classes throughout the year appropriate for the various grade levels. Many field trips are also planned and so you'll want to watch the newsletter for the activities which may interest you and your student.

## **MULTIMEDIA**

Be sure to ask your resource teacher about videos, tapes, CDs, and software that may be applicable to your course of study. In addition there are numerous websites that offer educational challenges for your student. A

great source for lesson plans and academic support in all subjects is [www.ceeaa.org](http://www.ceeaa.org). Another excellent internet source for interactive lessons of all types is Webquest. Type [webquest.com](http://webquest.com) into the address box and then begin your search by grade level and subject material.