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Seventh Grade Overview

Bible
Having laid the foundation that Jesus is the Son of God, Savior and Lord in sixth grade, the next step is the study of the application of this Truth. In the book of *Romans*, the Apostle Paul systematically and thoroughly lays out the theology of Man's inability to save himself, justification by faith, and the results of that faith, the practical application of our relationship with the living God. The book of *Romans* is the basic manual for the Christian life, not only are we shown what we must do, but why and how we are to do it.

Language Arts
Building on the prior year's ground work; students use *Writing Strategies Level F*, published by Zaner-Bloser. Students are taught a using a strategic and innovative approach which makes it easier to improve writing. With rubric-based instruction, students are provided with clear guidelines and expectations for their writing, so they know what to do to succeed. The curriculum uses a model-practice-apply instructional plan which helps students improve their writing by carefully walking them through the writing process. Grammar Instruction is taught in conjunction with writing, so students learn how to best apply grammar to their compositions. The *S.R.A. Reading Laboratory* may be used in conjunction with the textbooks to improve reading comprehension and speed.

Literature
Middle school students are introduced to classic and modern literature. They will learn the arts of contemplation, discussion, pacing themselves, and discerning the quality of a book. They will become aware of and explore a variety of genres: adventure, animal, biography, family, fantasy, history, humor, mystery, non-fiction, romance, science fiction, sports, western, and classic. Some of the books that seventh graders may read are *Summer of My German Soldier*, *The Call of the Wild*, *Treasure Island*, *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, *Souder*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Mossflower*, *Holes*, and *Julie of the Wolves*.

MATHEMATICS
Two levels of math are offered for seventh grade students, *Passport to Mathematics Book 2* and *Passport to Algebra and Geometry*, by McDougal Littell. Each student is carefully evaluated to determine their appropriate placement. In *Passport to Mathematics Book 2*, students review and practice fraction and decimal skills, are introduced to simple algebraic equations, and begin their study of ratio, proportion, and percent. In *Passport to Algebra and Geometry*, students are also introduced to topics of algebra, including integer operations, solving algebraic equations, topics of statistics, measurement, and geometry.

Science
Life Science, by BJU Press, reveals the wonders and complexities of God's living creation. Students will study all types of life, from cells to the human body, focusing on the life processes necessary to sustain each. Topics include internal structures, reactions, reproduction, and energy of organisms, ecology and resources, and our responsibility of stewardship over all God has provided. God's creative power and design will be clearly revealed as students are exposed to the complexities of the living world around us. Students will build a foundation in the concepts of biology and be strengthened in their understanding of God as the sole creator of all life.

History
Students in the 7th grade will learn from the text, *World History*, by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. They will examine history beginning with Islamic and African civilizations, the empires of Asia and the Americas, Renewal in Europe, science and exploration, and the global changes that have shaped the Modern World.

Physical Education, Computer & Spanish are also core-classes for middle school students. Quarterly Elective Classes which include Band and Choir are offered to give students opportunities to explore and learn new venues in the Arts and Sciences.