

Junior High Grades 7 & 8 (Year One of Two Cycle)
 Arborbrook Christian Academy



LANGUAGE ARTS

Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Literature <i>Year 1 of 2 year cycle</i>	<i>Science Fiction & Fantasy</i> <i>The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien <i>Out of the Silent Planet</i> by C.S. Lewis <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens <i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry <i>Forms of Literature</i> Short Story mini unit Poetry mini unit Novella: <i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck Play: <i>Much Ado about Nothing</i> by William Shakespeare
Writing	Objective: Write to show, not tell. Learn the elements of style; memoir writing, expository, narrative, and persuasive writing Poetry: Photograph poems, Where I'm From poems, Change poems Creative writing: Design-a-Country project, write an alternate ending for <i>The Pearl</i> using Steinbeck's style, Non-fiction writing: Persuasive, descriptive, and narrative essays Shakespearean monologue paraphrase and recitation
Grammar	<i>Grammar for Middle School, A Sentence Compositing Approach</i>
Vocabulary	<i>Wordly Wise 3000 Books 7 & 8</i>
Narration Emphasis	Identify literary terms and figurative language, elements of style
Poetry & Recitation	Major Poets: William Wordsworth, Carl Sandburg Shakespeare recitation

MATH, SCIENCE, & NATURE STUDY



Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Math	7 th grade: Saxon Course 3 8 th grade Pre-Algebra: BJU Pre-Algebra 8 th grade Algebra I: BJU Algebra I
Science <i>General Science</i>	Primary text: <i>Exploring Creation with General Science</i> (part I) & supplemental resource: Beautiful Feet Curriculum, <i>The History of Science Part III</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Inquiry and the Scientific Method • The History of Life, Archaeology, Geology, and Paleontology • Foundations of Geology • The Fossil Record • Uniformitarianism and Catastrophism
Nature Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve dry brush watercolor techniques. • Draw anatomy sketches in nature journals • Increase proficiency in using field guides. • Learn the scientific names of 20 common animals of NC (i.e. raccoon, fox, opossum, and groundhog). Study their life habits. • Learn the scientific names of 20 common trees and plants on the Arborbrook school campus and in North Carolina.

HISTORY, INSPIRATIONAL STUDIES, GEOGRAPHY, & BIBLE



Subject	Texts and Sources Used
History <i>Year One of JH History Cycle: Early American History 1620-1850</i>	<i>Text: History of Us, Volumes 1-4</i> <i>Novels: Chains by Laurie Hals Anderson</i> <i>Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Spear</i> <i>Streams to the River, River to the Sea by Scott O'Dell</i>
Picture Study <i>Baroque Art</i>	<i>1st Semester: Rembrandt</i> <i>2nd Semester: Vermeer</i>
Composer Study <i>Baroque Music</i>	<i>1st Semester: Handel</i> <i>2nd Semester: Bach & Vivaldi</i>
Geography	Understand the different types of maps and their functions: climate maps, economic or resource maps, physical maps, political maps, road maps, topographic maps
Bible	Students take Bible three days a week. Classes are gender specific. <i>7th grade: God's Big Story; Protectors; Girl Talk: The Power of Your Words; A Young Man's Guide to Making Right choices</i> <i>8th grade: Mastering Bible Study Skills: New Testament Book TBD</i>

AUXILIARY AND ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Spanish Offered both years opposite Band	<i>Paso a Paso for Middle School</i> Students gain a strong foundation in Spanish in preparation for High School Spanish. They learn basic vocabulary and conversation skills.
Band Offered both years opposite Spanish	Instruments offered: flute, clarinet, trombone, trumpet, and percussion.
Study Skills	Half-semester course / 7 th grade semester one / offered once a week <i>SOAR Study Skills by Susan Kruger</i>
Physical Education	Full semester course / 7 th & 8 th grade / Offered once a week. Students learn fundamentals of common sports as well as team work and exercise strategies.
Cooking	Half-semester course / 7 th & 8 th grade / offered once a week Students learn the fundamentals of cooking and practice with specific recipes.
Club Protocol	Half-semester course / 8 th grade semester one / offered once a week Students learn and practice etiquette skills in preparation for 8 th grade Formal.