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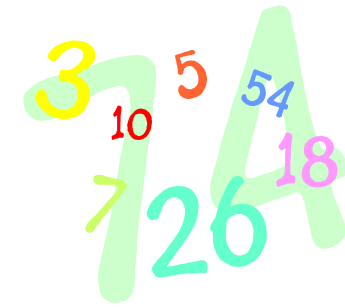
English

The focus of study throughout the 7th grade year is based on the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations. Students will begin by spending time reviewing basic reading and writing skills including the steps of the writing process, reading strategies and grammar review, in preparation for the MEAP in October.

The reading curriculum will include short stories, dramas and several novels to analyze plot and methods of characterization. Students will also employ newly learned strategies to decipher unknown vocabulary within their reading. Independent reading is supported with weekly visits to the Media Center and Sustained Silent Reading time built within the daily schedule.

The students will process write several major pieces including a persuasive essay, a myth, a personal narrative, a research paper and several genres of poetry. Additionally, the curriculum focuses on improving spelling, with weekly lists during the first semester.

Finally, in an effort to create more confident learners, the students will participate in classroom presentations focusing on influencing an audience and employing appropriate speaking strategies.



Mathematics

Math in the 7th grade is an extremely challenging subject. The students learn a wide range of mathematical concepts, as well as become familiar with some basic algebra. The students will study the following topics:

- Exponents
- Absolute value
- Square roots
- Integer application
- Simplifying expressions
- Linear expressions
- Slope
- Ratios
- Proportions
- Percents
- Mathematical properties:
 - Associative
 - Commutative
 - Density
 - Distributive

Besides these new topics, students will review much of what they have previously been taught. Due to the high volume of information that is to be mastered in 7th grade, the lessons will move at a quick pace. It is extremely important that students maintain excellent habits of completing assignments in order to insure competency each step of the way.

Homework Policy

The seventh grade team has adopted a "No Late Work Policy" that will hold high standards and expectations for the students. Our purpose for this policy is to develop good working skills in our students to prepare them for success in the real world.

Per the seventh grade homework policy, assignments not completed on time will receive a zero. Four late homework passes will be given out during each marking period for students to use on assignments with no penalty to their grade **if** the assignment is turned in the following day.

Students who do not choose to complete their assignments on their own time may be assigned to our lunch time Extended Learning Opportunity program where they will receive their choice of an approved sack lunch and a quiet place to complete their work. This program is monitored by a certified teacher who will be able to help students focus on the completion of their work.

Students who have been absent will be given the appropriate amount of time to make up any missing assignments.



Homework



Science

In 7th grade science, students are exposed to a wide range of scientific topics and build upon past knowledge in many areas. Students are expected to participate in lab activities, reading and writing assignments that are designed to strengthen skills in observation, data collection and analysis and informational reading/ writing.

The following areas of study are included in 7th grade science:

- Energy, waves, energy transfer
- Properties of matter
- Changes in matter
- Cell functions
- Photosynthesis
- Heredity and reproduction
- Ecosystems and interaction of organisms
- Human impact on earth systems

History

During the course of the 7th grade school year, the students will be covering the geography, economics, political systems and history of three important regions in the Eastern Hemisphere:

- Europe/ Russia
- Africa
- Asia/Australia

Students will focus on the five themes of geography:

- Movement
- Location
- Place
- Human-Environmental
- Interaction
- Region

In addition, the students will focus on the relationship these regions had with the United States in the past, how the relationship has changed and how the relationship is today. Students will be required to work on a number of individual and group projects throughout the year.

