



Grade 8						
Social Studies	Literature	Science	Math	Vocabulary	Language Arts	Religion
<p>The skills practiced throughout the year include the following: The New Republic including the Jefferson Era and the War of 1812. The Growing Nation including the Jackson Era and Manifest Destiny. We will also learn about the Civil War including the economy, slavery, and reconstruction. There will also be a geography bee. The students will study maps, charts, graphs, & atlases</p>	<p>Among the genres read are: fiction, nonfiction, biography, folktales, plays, and myths. They will read classic novels and selections from their literature series. Comprehension skills practiced include: setting, plot, main idea, supporting details, irony, foreshadowing, summarizing, and drawing conclusions. They will be asked to respond to a</p>	<p>Study of scientific methods Design scientific investigations Conduct investigations Analyze data Construct charts and graphs Form reasonable explanations on data Communicate results Study the structure and function of human body Study Skeletal system Study the composition and structure of bones Study the</p>	<p>The skills practiced throughout the year include the following: Algebraic expressions and integers including order of operations, absolute value, and inductive reasoning. Solving one-step equations and inequalities including properties of numbers, simplifying variable expressions, and graphing. Decimals and equations including rounding and estimating, solving equations, mean, median, and mode, and using</p>	<p>Textbook: Vocabulary Workshop Level C Sadlier-Oxford (2005)</p> <p>Vocabulary Workshop Level C is a tool in helping students expand their vocabularies, improve their vocabulary skills, and prepare for the vocabulary strands of standardized tests. The textbook is comprised of fifteen units in which the three hundred key words are introduced.</p> <p>The work of each</p>	<p>Textbook: Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar (2008)</p> <p>The curriculum is divided into three areas.</p> <p>Part I: Writing Techniques Writing Process (The writing process is an integral part of the curriculum. Each section will be revisited with each writing style introduced.) -prewriting, drafting, revising, editing and proofreading, and publishing</p>	<p>The curriculum involves the use of two textbooks.</p> <p>Textbook: Blest Are We The Story of our Church Silver Burdett Ginn Religion (2005)</p> <p>Unit 1 The Marks of the Church from the Beginning Unit 1 begins a study of the marks, or characteristics, of the early apostolic Church. Young people will learn how the marks were there from the beginning and are the basis for</p>

<p>to prepare for this contest. They will also research a country of their choice. They will study the geographic region, culture, religions, languages, and govt. of this country. They will host an ethnic fair to display their work. They will also study for and take the Illinois Constitution test.</p>	<p>variety of prompts to assess their comprehension of several different selections. Language Arts will be integrated into this subject often.</p>	<p>structure and function of human body Study Skeletal system Study the composition and structure of bones Study the structure and function of human body Study Skeletal system Study the structure and function of human body Study and name 26 main bones of the body Study of the vertebral column Study of joints, ligaments and tendons Study of muscular system Dissection of chicken wing Paper on dissection Study of digestion system</p>	<p>formulas. Factors, fractions, and exponents including divisibility and factors, exponents, prime factorization, and rational numbers. And finally, area, surface area, and volume.</p>	<p>unit is divided into a five-part structure: Definitions Completing the Sentence Synonyms and Antonyms Choosing the Right Word Vocabulary in Context <i>Follow-Up Activities</i> -writing essays or stories -writing sentences <i>The Reviews</i> A review follows every three units. The structure of each review is: Vocabulary for Comprehension Grammar in Context Two-Word Completion Choosing the Right Meaning Antonyms Word Families Word Associations</p>	<p>and presenting Sentences -organization and structure Paragraphs -main idea -topic sentence -unity and coherence Compositions -writing styles -formal and informal English Narration -autobiographical writing (prewriting techniques: freewriting, blueprinting, writing round, looping, and topic bank) -elements of a short story (characters, plot, conflict, and resolution) Description -structure (coding details, cubing, and adding functional paragraphs, and highlighting adverbs</p>	<p>present beliefs about the Church. <i>Apostolic: Founded on the Apostles</i> Our faith, summarized in the Apostles' Creed, is the same as the faith of the first apostles. <i>Holy: Jesus Christ in the Sacraments</i> In the sacraments, we meet the risen Christ. We become the Church—God's holy people. <i>Catholic: Open and Respectful of All</i> The word catholic means “universal” or “open to all.” Catholics are called to welcome all people. <i>One: Praying for Unity</i> In the Church, no one ministry or minister is more important than another. At the end</p>
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					<p>-performing and interpreting Vocabulary and Spelling</p> <p>-studying words systematically</p> <p>-studying word parts and origins</p> <p>-understanding the influence of other cultures and languages</p> <p>Reading Methods and Tools</p> <p>Basic Study Skills</p> <p>Reference Skills</p> <p>Test-Taking Skills</p>	<p>Reconciliation celebrates the fact that God is merciful and always welcomes us back.</p> <p><i>Morality and Salvation</i> We choose to accept or reject God's love based on the choices we make throughout our lives.</p> <p>Unit 5 Returning to the Roots of Christianity The renewal of Catholicism as the most positive result of the Reformation for Catholics is the focus of Unit 5.</p> <p><i>Modern Ecumenical Councils</i> The living God continues a personal revelation through Scripture and Church Tradition.</p>
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