

Junior High Grade 8
Arborbrook Christian Academy



LANGUAGE ARTS

| Subject | Texts and Sources Used |
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| Literature | <p><i>Realistic Fiction</i></p> <p><i>Wolf Hollow</i> by Lauren Wolk (modern) <i>The Prince and the Pauper</i> by Mark Twain (classic) <i>The King's Fifth</i> by Scott O'Dell (classic) <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens (classic) <i>The Pearl</i> by John Stienbeck (classic)</p> <p><i>Fantasy/Science Fiction</i></p> <p><i>Out of the Silent Planet</i> by C.S. Lewis (classic) What if...you could travel to another planet? <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury (classic)- What if...you lived in a society that made reading illegal? <i>The Tempest</i> by William Shakespeare (play)- What if...you were stranded on a magical desert island?</p> |
| Writing | <p>Students will complete large and small writing assignments related to texts read. A research paper will be the major writing assignment for the year.</p> <p>Writing Workshop offered twice a week to help students specifically with their writing skills.</p> |
| Grammar | <i>Paragraphs for Middle School</i> |
| Vocabulary | <i>Wordly Wise 3000</i> Book 8 |
| Narration Emphasis | Identify and use literary terms and figurative language |



MATH & SCIENCE

| Subject | Texts and Sources Used |
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| Math | 8 th grade Pre-Algebra: BJU Pre-Algebra 8 th grade Integrated Math I: BJU Algebra I |
| Science: Physical Science | Purposeful Design Publications, <i>Physical Science</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Physics • Introduction to Chemistry • Lab techniques |
| Fort Caswell Coastal Ecology Trip | Students take a three-day class trip to Fort Caswell, located on the coast of North Carolina. There, they learn about coastal ecology and marine biology while enjoying time together at the beach. |



HISTORY & BIBLE

| Subject | Texts and Sources Used |
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| History Westward Expansion through Cold War & the Civil Rights Movement | Text: <i>History of Us</i> Novels: <i>Rifles for Watie</i> by Harold Keith <i>The Hiding Place</i> by Corrie Ten Boom |
| Washington DC Trip | Students travel to Washington D.C. in the Spring to learn experientially about our nation's founding and history. |
| Bible | Students take Bible three days a week. Classes are gender specific. Students memorize specific passages of scripture school wide within their Bible classes and learn the fundamentals of Bible study. Teachers also seek to help students develop a personal relationship with the Lord through prayer and Bible reading. Our desire is to engage the head and the heart with God's Word. 8 th grade: <i>Mastering Bible Study Skills: Romans</i> |

AUXILIARY AND ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Additional classes may be added depending upon student interest and teacher availability.
 Students may choose some of their elective classes on a semester basis.

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| Art Semester course // student choice | Students will explore multiple media as they begin to learn the fundamentals of art and design. |
| Physical Education Trimester Course. All students will take this class. | Students will learn fundamentals of common sports as well as teamwork and exercise strategies. |
| Drama New for 2021-2022 Semester course // student choice | Students will learn the history of drama, including set design, props, costumes, special effects, etc., and create their own interpretations of actual plays. |
| Nature Studies Trimester Course. All students will take this class. | Students will work in the school gardens to grow and cultivate all type of plants. They will learn about composting, the role of insects, organic fertilization, and how to care for our earth. |
| Logic New for 2021-2022 Trimester Course // All students will take this course. | Students will learn the fundamentals of logical reasoning. They will begin to learn the essential logical fallacies, how to spot them, and how to avoid them. This will not be a lecture class but a time for students to wrestle and experiment with various rhetorical arguments. |