

Junior High Grade 7
Arborbrook Christian Academy



LANGUAGE ARTS

Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Literature	<p>Novels <i>The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien (classic fantasy) <i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry (modern dystopian) <i>A Long Walk to Water</i> by Linda Sue Park (modern historical) <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeleine L'Engle (classic science fiction)</p> <p>Forms of Literature Short Stories // <i>Flying Lessons & Other Short Stories</i> Poetry mini unit // teacher selected poems Novella: <i>A Christmas Memory</i> by Truman Capote Shakespeare: <i>Much Ado about Nothing</i> by William Shakespeare</p>
Writing	Students use the Institute for Excellence in Writing curriculum to develop their writing skills across all genres.
Grammar	<i>Fix It! Grammar Level 3 IEW</i>
Vocabulary	<i>Wordly Wise 3000 Book 7</i>
Narration Emphasis	Identify literary terms and figurative language, elements of style

MATH & SCIENCE



Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Math	BJU 7 th grade Fundamentals of Math BJU Pre-Algebra for students advanced a year in Math.
Science <i>Life Science</i>	Primary text: Purposeful Design Publications, <i>Life Science</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

HISTORY & BIBLE



Subject	Texts and Sources Used
History <i>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>
History Field Trip	7 th grade students take an immersive field trip to King's Mountain where they learn from Park Rangers about the Revolutionary War battle fought on that site.
Bible	Students take Bible two days a week on a block schedule. 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. 7 th grade: <i>Gospel Foundations, Vol 1-5</i>
Junior High Retreat	In September, all Junior High students enjoy a three-day spiritual retreat. Students hear from a speaker and meet in small groups to further their knowledge and relationship with Jesus. Students also enjoy outside games and activities in a beautiful setting.

AUXILIARY AND ELECTIVE CLASSES

Additional classes may be added depending upon student interest and teacher availability.

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Art	Students will explore multiple media as they begin to learn the fundamentals of art and design. All students will take an Art class for a trimester.
Physical Education	Students will learn fundamentals of common sports as well as teamwork and exercise strategies. All students will take PE class for a trimester.
Nature Studies	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. All students will take Nature Studies for a trimester.
Logic	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. This is a semester course.
Study Skills	7 th grade students take a study skills course once a week to learn how to organize, take notes, study for tests, and prepare themselves well for academic success. This is a semester course.
Self-Care	All Junior High students participate in a self-care class once a week in which they learn how to understand, process, and manage the normal and unusual difficulties that come with adolescence. They will learn that they are wonderfully made in God's image and are equipped to care for themselves well, so they can contribute meaningfully to their families, churches, school, and community. This is a yearlong class.