

# Seventh Grade

## Curriculum and Program Highlights

### Literature

- Become familiar with well known authors by reading selections
- Plot, point of view, and setting are discussed
- Independently completed book reviews
- In class and small group discussions on selected stories and books
- Library terms, usage and techniques
- Monthly book reports
- Guided to choose their literature therefore exerting ownership
- Analysis and critique will be emphasized
- Daily writing in journals
- Read for pleasure on a regular basis
- Give orderly oral reports

### English

- Focus on writing planning and revision
- Development of writing fluency, coherence, and voice
- Grammar and vocabulary building
- Parts of speech and punctuation
- Identify and use compound and complex sentence structure
- Spelling, handwriting, and drama are also reinforced
- Public speaking and drama

### Mathematics

- Saxon 8/7
- Students will be assigned to appropriate math groups depending on skill level
- Higher level ability will take Pre-Algebra or Algebra

### Science/Health

- Reading, experiments, note-taking, demonstrations, in individual and small group activities
- Life science: Characteristics and classification of living things
- Practice scientific method and critical thinking
- Human biology and heredity will be explored and in relation to human sexuality
- Learn about the use and misuse of substances: drug awareness
- Prepare a science experiment for school wide and regional competition along with a research paper from researched materials
- Attend Catalina Island Marine Institute
- Construct research paper from researched material

### History

- Development of ancient cultures

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- Western civilization
- Note taking skills
- Outlining
- A formal term paper will be required
- Current events and their relevance to historical topics
- Read newspapers, periodicals, and listen to news on a regular basis
- Effectively report information learned from media sources
- Construct research paper from researched material
- Analysis of primary and secondary sources
- Introduction to debate and arguing skills
- Practice research skills
- Learn to become an active democratic citizen

### **Physical Education**

- Develop skills at Lakeridge Tennis Club in swimming, tennis, weights, basketball, volleyball, and other group sports guided by the Brookfield coaching staff
- Or, extend skills and confidence in basketball, soccer, and volleyball guided by the Brookfield coaching staff
- Develop personal sense of wellness
- Demonstrate sportsmanship

### **Computer**

- Extend keyboarding skills
- Power Point projects
- Use of computer for assignments involving writing and problem solving
- Responsible for careful care when borrowing school laptops
- Utilize increasingly complex programs at teacher direction, including writing and editing using spell check, and other functions
- Maintain individual disk with personal writing
- Responsible use of the Internet and the World Wide Web
- Spread sheet, letter writing, graphics

### **Specialized Programs**

- Project Discovery field trip to Sky Tavern for team building ropes course
- Community Service is encouraged
- Student government participation including election of officers
- Accelerated Reading (rewards program)
- Invention Convention/Science Fair/Physics demonstration choices
- French and/or Spanish and Latin
- Spectra Art (art appreciation curriculum)
- Friendship classes
- Upper class socials planning and implementation
- Daily hot lunch
- Skiing, martial arts, chess, tennis, Spanish, and clay class available
- Music for musical presentations
- Europe travel experience
- Lakeridge Tennis Club is available
- Elective classes such as journalism, guitar, cooking, art appreciation, yearbook preparation
- Economics through Junior Achievement is explored
- Lessons in boarding or skiing are available in winter