

Seventh Grade



Scripture that guides my teaching comes from II Corinthians 5:15 - Christ died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Mrs. Joy Yurk, teacher

RELIGION

Our two main points of focus are deepening our relationship with Jesus and preparing for Confirmation. Four main topics covered are:

- ◆ Reading God's Word and Worship
- ◆ The Ten Commandments
- ◆ The Lord's Prayer
- ◆ The Creed

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

St. Paul joins with five other area Lutheran schools for three days at Camp Timber-Lee in East Troy, WI, to experience hands-on science and nature lessons, to develop connections with each other, and to grow in their walk with Christ. Activities include:

- survival and team building
- pond and raptor studies
- night hikes and campfire devotions

SCIENCE

We study Life Science using **Elevate Science** by **Savvas**. Topics covered include:

- ◆ Living Things
- ◆ Cells
- ◆ Reproduction & Growth
- ◆ Ecosystems
- ◆ Genes & Heredity

In-class projects include dissections, plant or animal cells model-making and a leaf collection.

TECHNOLOGY

Seventh grade is in the second of three years of **Learning with Computers** by **Thompson-Southwestern**. National Education Technology Standards (NETS) are met. Course work includes:

- ◆ Microsoft Excel
- ◆ Microsoft PowerPoint
- ◆ Microsoft Word
- ◆ Internet Safety
- ◆ Web research

SOCIAL STUDIES

In World History and Culture, the goal is for the students to learn about places around the world. We will focus on

- ◆ Geography
- ◆ Culture
- ◆ History
- ◆ Project-based Learning

LANGUAGE ARTS

As our literature, vocabulary, writing, and English grammar studies are taught in a block schedule, students are allowed to make the connections among each of those facets. Our literature instruction is based on a readers' workshop model -- Units of Study -- where specific reading strategies are taught, modeled, and practiced in student-selected literature. This is balanced with whole-class novels, selected from both classics and recently-published works, in order to address varied themes as well as clearly connect responding to writing. Vocabulary, writing, and English grammar are instructed through mentor texts, giving students exposure to the concepts in published literature. Our writing workshop model provides for focused and reflective writing opportunities.

MATH

St. Paul teaches **Saxon Math** throughout our middle school.

- ◆ Algebraic thinking is embedded throughout the curriculum to build a solid foundation that links arithmetic to algebra
- ◆ Skills and concepts are kept alive through daily practice
- ◆ Math connections are strengthened and made meaningful
- ◆ Content is mastered through small increments and then followed by practice, review and assessment

ART

Students receive instruction in a variety of art mediums and styles. These styles are learned by studying past and present day artists. A sketch book is used in class to help the students plan and sketch their projects.