



Seventh Grade Curriculum Overview

CCA middle school utilizes curriculum from the Summit Learning Platform. All content is consistent with Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Math, State Standards in History/Social Studies and Next Generation Science Standards.

Bible Study

Students in grade 7 study the Bible in a sequential manner. Students memorize a Bible verse each week. These verses are revisited regularly so that students will remember them at year's end. Bible study time involves discussions/activities based on the Christian values taught school-wide, e.g. patience, self-control, etc., as well as review/study of important New and Old Testament stories and how they reveal God's promises. Time is also spent discussing various issues, often raised by students, and determining how God would have us live as Christians.

Reading/Language Arts

Seventh grade literature involves the exploration of literary concepts such as character and plot development, and elements, theme, etc., through the use of age-appropriate novels such as *The Westing Game*, *The Outsiders*, and *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Grammar and writing concepts are taught through the use of the Summit Platform. Students develop skills in creative and essay writing, as well as mastering the steps in completing research papers/projects.

Math

Students learn through the inquiry method, beginning with what they know already and building upon that knowledge. Core content covers ratios and proportional relationships, the number system, expressions and equations, geometry and statistics and probability. Students actively engage in math concepts through hands-on lessons and portfolio problems.

Integrated Science

Integrated science includes investigations in both physical science and earth science. Units include geology, natural hazards, basic chemistry, environmental science, and ecology. Through hands-on labs and their coinciding data collection and analysis, students gain familiarity with the scientific method and the use of inquiry to create and test hypotheses. They then present their findings to their peers.

Social Studies

One semester of 7th grade covers Washington State History, which fulfills the state graduation requirement. Students study Washington's ancient, political, and industrial history, as well as learn of Washington's contributions to the country's economy. The other semester covers Geography, which details the geography and cultures of countries around the world. Students specifically focus on the National Geographic Society Five Themes of Geography (location, place, human-environment interaction, movement, and region) throughout the semester.

Additional Learning Experiences

- Electives: Band, Marimbas, Choir, Classics (Latin), Drama, and Art
- Chapel/Math Buddies with primary grades students, and Chapel Families with students in other grade levels
- Weekly Chapel/Service Opportunities
- Physical Education
- Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, and Track
- National Geographic Society Geography Bee
- Annual Lutheran Elementary School Tournament