

St. Margaret Catholic School

6th Grade Curriculum

LITERATURE – Holt, Rinehart, and Winston

This series includes fiction and nonfiction selections, literary elements and forms, novel studies, comprehension strategies such as main idea, purpose, inferring, cause/effect, sequencing, summarizing, vocabulary development through dictionary skills and context clues. Students give oral presentations, develop creative writing skills and practice fluency. Students use close reading and text-dependent questions in order to improve comprehension skills as well as interpreting the purpose of the genre piece read. Annotation is taught according to the SLCH and TSPFASTT guides to enhance the reading experience. Select novels are taught as a Novel Study each quarter such as *Hatchet*, *The Magician's Nephew*, *Maniac McGee*, *Summer of the Monkeys*, *A Wrinkle in Time*. SMCS uses Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading to motivate students to read and monitor their success.

ENGLISH – Holt, Rinehart, and Winston

- Paragraph writing, essays, reports
- Writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading
- Grammar such as parts of speech, sentence structure, and punctuation
- Writing styles required such as argumentative, expository, narrative, and reflective narrative
- *Vocabulary and Comprehension through Pleasurable Reading*, Levine, Levine, & Levine
Writer's Inc. Student Handbook, Sebranek, Kemper, Meyer

MATH – McGraw Hill/ALEKS

- Integers
- Long division
- Decimals
- Order of operations
- Variables & expressions
- ALEKS
 - Added dimension to Math program
 - Provides adaptive, personalized learning and assessment to target knowledge gaps
 - Delivers focused instruction
 - Allows the teacher to differentiate instruction to support and challenge each student's unique learning needs
- Fractions
- Mean, Median, Mode
- Factorization
- Graphs
- Perimeters & Area
- Geometry – angles, triangles, quadrilaterals, parallelograms

SOCIAL STUDIES – Holt, Rinehart, and Winston

- World History/Geography
- Early man
- Ancient Egypt
- Hebrews
- Ancient Greece
- Greek Mythology
- Roman Republic
- Christianity
- Middle Ages
- Renaissance

SCIENCE – Glencoe – Physical Science

- Science Fair participation
- Chemistry – atoms, elements, Periodic Table
- N.E.E.D.
- Lab Safety
- Scientific Method through hands-on experiments and activities
- Introduction of STEM

- Energy – forms, sources, light, motion, sound,
- electricity, magnetism
- Students attend the Chem Expo at McNeese

RELIGION

The theme entails a blueprint for a life of love: the law of God, especially in the Ten Commandments, and the presence of Jesus in the Holy Mass. The interaction of challenges of God's law and his gifts of grace that help us fulfill his law.

Part 1: The Ten Commandments; forming conscience and increasing closeness to God

Part 2: The Holy Mass; an emphasis on the Real Presence and Christ's Sacrifice and explanation of the parts of the Mass.

Part 3: The Last Things; Death and God's Judgment of us with an emphasis on the great happiness of Heaven.

ENRICHMENT

Junior High students rotate enrichment classes of Computer, Book Study, Spanish, and Art every quarter. Students attend these classes daily for a 50-minute period during that quarter. Students attend PE 3x/week and Library 1x/week all year long.

TECHNOLOGY

Each classroom is equipped with a Promethean ActivBoard and AV station for instruction and learning. The students have access to computers within their classrooms as well a mobile lab with 21 laptops to help enhance the instruction within the classroom. Teachers and students have access to portable iPads and a computer lab housed in our library.