

8th Grade Year at a Glance



	1 st Trimester				2 nd Trimester				3 rd Trimester			
Religion	1-2 weeks Becoming the Person God Created You to Be: Leader In Me review	6 Weeks Mystery of the Church --images and models of the Church, salvation history, prayer, and service.		3 Weeks Social Justice (Family Life)	7 weeks Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic		3 weeks Chastity and Marriage (Family Life)	Confirma- tion	4 Weeks Church history		6 Weeks Witness of the Church: Living Christian Life	
Language Arts (Literature)	2 Weeks Launching Reading and Writing and Benchmark Assessments Vocabulary is explicitly taught throughout the year--pronunciation, parts of speech, how to use the words in their writing	3weeks Short Stories; elements of literature applied to independent reading		5 Weeks Critical Literacy Unit of Study: Critically analyzing contemporary literature		5 weeks of Independent Reading Workshop, applying skills learned in Critical Literacy Unit of Study	5 weeks Historical Fiction Unit of Study: analyzing how setting impacts plot and characters; exploring how different times in history impacted people's actions and beliefs; mid-year Benchmark Assessments of Targets Students		5 weeks Independent Reading Workshop, exploring different methods of note-taking for literature, reinforcing skills learned in the two Units of Study	5 weeks Dystopian Unit of Study: analyzing foreshadowing; how science fiction mirrors real life; character traits		4 weeks Fiction and nonfiction study of various genocides
Language Arts (English)	2 weeks Free Write Writing Prompts; exploring writing in different genres	3 weeks Free Write Writing Prompts/ Sentence structures and types of sentences/Revising for structure; comma rules; clauses versus phrases	5 weeks Narrative Writing Unit of Study: Exploring Author's Craft and Theme Grammar: Verbals (participles, gerunds, and infinitives)	3 weeks Free Write Writing Prompts; subject-verb agreement and pronoun-antecedent agreement	5 weeks Argument Unit of Study : The Art of Argument Grammar: Subject-Verb Core with left and right-branching	3 weeks Writing Prompts-reinforcing skills learned throughout the Units of Study and grammar lessons	5 weeks Informative Writing Unit of Study: Investigative Journalism Grammar: Verb Tenses,	3 weeks public speaking; creating and delivering speeches				

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Math	4 Weeks Transformations	4 Weeks Line and Angle relationships	5 Weeks Solving and graphing linear equations	5 Weeks Introduction to Functions	4 Weeks Systems of Linear Equations	3 Weeks The real number system	3 Weeks Pythagorean Theorem	5 Weeks Laws of Exponents and Scientific Notation	3 Weeks Volume and surface area of 3 dimensional shapes			
Science	7 Weeks Thermal Energy/Heat		7 Weeks Periodic Table of Elements/Chemical Reactions (bio-chem)		7 Weeks Types of Energy Structures and Principles of Matter		7 Weeks Forces and Interactions Newton's Laws		7 Weeks Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation			
Social Studies	Thinking like a historian	Prehistory and early settlements of North America	Life in colonial America	The American Revolution	The Constitution	Westward Expansion	The Civil War	The Industrial Age	The Progressive Era and rise to world power			

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