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## Language Arts



The students will read a combination of short stories and a minimum of two novels throughout the year. Vocabulary skills will be developed, as well as inference and prediction skills. In addition, literary terms including flashback, tone, point of view and characterization will be emphasized. In the area of writing, we will continue to work on the techniques of brainstorming, composing, and editing. Students will write persuasive, expository, and explanatory essays in accordance with the New Jersey Standards.

## Math



The students will work in several different areas of math. They will begin with decimals, geometry, fractions, and data analysis. The curriculum also includes the study of ratio, percent, and integers. Throughout the year word problems and open-ended questions will be incorporated in daily lessons.

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## Social Studies



In Social Studies the students begin with a review of the Earth's geography, map skills, and the study of early man. They will also learn about several ancient civilizations including: Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome. Students will be required to keep notes on each chapter, which should be used as study guides.

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## Health

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This Year, the sixth grade will be discussion many areas in Health. First we will discuss Mental and Emotional Health in Unit 1. After that we will move to Unit 6 where we will be exploring the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. As the year progresses the students will be learning about Family and Social Health in Unit 2. Towards the end of the year, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Personal Health will be taught in Units 4 and 5.

## Science



Throughout the course of the year, the students will be covering several different areas in Science. In the beginning of the year, the sixth grade will be exploring plant and animal cells and then we will move onto reproduction and heredity. As we move towards the middle of the school year, the students will be able to identify Newton's Law of Motion and how these laws are a constant factor in our everyday lives. After that, we will be moving onto Earth Science, where students will have the opportunity to learn about Earth's crust, soil formation, rock layers, and fossils. As we approach the end of the year, the sixth grader will be discussing Physical Science and Chemistry. During this time, we will be looking at heat and matter, types of solution, and the four types of chemical reactions.

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