

Curriculum Development Plan
Grade Level Expectations

5th – 8th grade

	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Focus on Old Testament Heroes and present day Christian heroes •Emphasis on prayer and prayer journals •Memorization of 30 bible verses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law and Gospel •Lord’s Prayer •Apostle’s Creed •Sacraments •Lutheran heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Christ esteem •Holy Spirit •Spiritual gifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Memorization of God’s Word •Topics •Faith •How do you see God? Forgiveness, God’s reaction to failure, Discipline •Knowing God’s Will •Benefits of having purpose in life •Experiencing spiritual growth •Spiritual warfare •Personal testimony development
Language Arts & Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Emphasis on parts of speech •Nouns, Verbs, Adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositional phrases •Define and learn unfamiliar vocabulary •Read 5-6 Newberry award winning novels •Exposed to a variety of characters through reading novels •Plot and climax •Reading comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Role of Thunder Hear My Cry •Diversity and Discrimination •Bridge to Terabithia •Friendship •The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe •Gospel •Nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns, and modifiers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sentence structure •Literature emphasis on... •Short story •Drama •Poetry •Non-fiction •Folk literature •Writing •Proper essay form •Writing across the curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mastery of... •Sentence structure •Literature emphasis on... •Short story •Drama •Poetry •Non-fiction •Folk literature •Writing •Proper essay form •Writing across the curriculum
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Basic mathematics procedures (+, -, /, x) •Emphasis on division and multiplication •Emphasis on factoring, adding, dividing, subtracting and multiplying fractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fractions •Decimals •Place value •Geometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Emphasis on... •Pre-Algebra •Math theory •Geometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Algebra I •Introduction to equations •Equations and word problems •Inequalities •Factoring •Rational expressions: combining and applying •Graphing $y = mx + b$ linear equations •Systems of equations •Radicals •Quadratic functions
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cells and their functions •How bones, muscles, and nerves work together •Classification of living things •Plants and their adaptations •Air, water, and weather of Earth •Earth, moon, and solar system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Earth Science •Plate tectonics •Emphasis on earth’s interior and sea floor spreading •Earthquakes and volcanoes •Emphasis on measuring and landforms created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Creation vs. Evolution •Origin of life •Cell structure and function •Cell energy and processes •Living organisms, emphasis on 5 kingdoms, arthropods, fish amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Physical Science •Force and motion •Laws of motion •Work and simple machines •Property of matter •Elements and Periodic table •Compounds and bonding
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Erosion and deposition •Fresh water and Ocean exploration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Human body, emphasis on skeletal and digestive systems, circulatory and respiratory systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chemical reactions

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Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Early American historical events (Discovery of America to the writing of the constitution) •Exploration of American states •Write an extensive research report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ancient civilization •Growth •Culture •World religions •Diffusion •Maps •Technology of change and advances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •World Geography •Continents •Culture •Map mastery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •European exploration to Civil War •American Revolution •Constitution •Early presidents •Industrial revolution •Western expansion •North/South
Spelling/Handwriting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Emphasis on prefixes, suffixes, frequency words, and curriculum words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Content clues •Grammar •Proof reading •Repetition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Basic rules of spelling •Age appropriate words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Context clues •Grammar •Proof reading •Repetition
Music/Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voluntary participation in voice choir and handbell choirs •Advent, Chapel, and school musical and art show participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voluntary participation in voice choir and handbell choirs •Advent, Chapel, and school musical and art show participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voluntary participation in voice choir and handbell choirs •Advent, Chapel, and school musical and art show participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voluntary participation in voice choir and handbell choirs •Advent, Chapel, and school musical and art show participation
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Internet scavenger hunts to provide background information to an educational topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Internet research •Online quizzes to assist with studying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Internet research •Word processing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Internet research •Word processing
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Famous artist and their style •Activities molded after an artist’s style •Art techniques – shading, pointillism, painting, sketching •Emphasis on color wheel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wet/dry watercolor technique •Collage •Paper sculpture •Creativity •Shading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Review basics of drawing and color •Modern art history •Impressionists to contemporary art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Review basics of drawing and color •Modern art history •Impressionists to contemporary art