

	English	Literature	Math	Religion	Science	Social Studies	Virtue	Special Events
August	Subjects, predicates, and sentences/fragments Descriptive Paper: Show not tell about summer activities.	Note taking strategies SQ3RRR, KWL, Think-Pair-Share, Graphic Organizers	Rational numbers	The Gift of Faith; The Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity	Scientific explanations – understanding science, measurement, and scientific tools; begin fall garden	English Colonies		
September	Subjects, predicates, and sentences/fragments Expository Writing: Point of View paper from “Seventh Grade”	Short Stories: “The Crush” “Seventh Grade” “Echo and Narcissus” “After 20 Years”	Real numbers, expressions and equations	The Books of the Bible; Angels; Creation story	Classifying and exploring life; cell structure and function; from cells to organisms	Division of colonies Conflicts in colonies French and Indian War Colony news article project	VBRD Kick-off Mass	Iowa Assessments VBRD Retreat Day
October	Nouns and Pronouns Persuasive Paper: Family Values	Fictional Novel: <i>The Pigman</i> Conflict, characterization and theme	Inequalities	Mary and the Rosary; Moses and the Ten Commandments	Reproduction of organisms; genetics; change over time (i.e., evolution)	American Revolution	Responsibility	
November	Verbs Writer’s Workshop: Poetry Writing and Slogans	Historical Fiction: <i>Soldier’s Heart</i> Irony, symbolism	Polynomials and factoring, linear functions and inequalities	Major and Minor Prophets; Advent; Annunciation, Incarnation, Nativity terminology	Human body systems; plant processes and reproduction; finish fall garden	Forming a government	Gratitude	Civil War Museum (fall of odd years only) Canned Food Drive
December	Adjectives and Adverbs	Short Story: “Tell-Tale Heart” Mock trial	Ratio and proportions, percent applications	Significance of Jesse Trees; The Triple of Jesus	Interactions of living things – ecosystems and biomes, populations and communities, energy and matter	Compromises and trade routes Geographical questions project	Generosity	Sponsor-a-Family
January	Adjectives and Adverbs cont. Writer’s Workshop: Writer’s Choice	Fictional Novel: <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> Personification, internal/external conflict, theme	Geometry	Sacrifice, Redemption, and Grace terminology	Foundations of chemistry- classifying matter, physical and chemical changes; the Periodic table; energy and heat	Constitution	Perseverance	Catholic Schools Week
February	Prepositions, Conjunctions and interjections Narrative Writing: Rewrite <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> cont. Personification, Internal/external conflict, theme	Geometry	The Twelve Apostles; Knowing the Holy Spirit	Earth systems; Earth’s changing surface (plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, etc.)	Constitution and creating the nation Amendment project	Courtesy	Mission Carnival
March	Adjective, Adverb and Noun Clauses Research Paper: Holocaust, World War II, Nazism	Plays: <i>Monsters are Due on Maple Street</i> and <i>I Never Saw Another Butterfly</i> Short Story: “The Lottery” Point of view, setting, conflict, and themes	JA Finance Town (odd years only) Patterns and nonlinear functions	Family Life; The Church	Natural resources and pollution; Earth’s atmosphere and weather/climate; begin spring garden	George Washington and his two advisors	Humility	Holocaust Museum (spring of odd years only)
April	Verbals (Infinitives, Participle, and Gerunds) Research Paper cont.	Historical Fictional Novel: <i>Devil’s Arithmetic</i> Point of view, setting, conflict, and themes cont.	3-D geometry	Actual and Sanctifying Grace; The Beatitudes	Motion, forces, and Newton’s Laws; Earth’s motion, Earth’s moon, eclipses and tides	Challenges for the new nation	Docility	Spring Music Concert JA finance park every odd year
May	Grammar Review Expository Writing: What will 8 th grade mean to you?	<i>Devil’s Arithmetic</i> cont. Paper Clip Project	Statistics	The Seven Sacraments	Exploring the solar system	Jefferson, Louisiana Purchase and War of 1812	Magnificence	Confirmation Field Day