

Middle School Curriculum Overview

Non-Negotiable

Integrated Daily

ELA-Purposeful Communication, Effective Communication, Vocabulary, Writing and Presenting

Math –Maintenance of Number of Knowledge and Vocabulary

Science – Healthful Living, Science Inquiry and Vocabulary

Social Studies– Citizenship and Vocabulary

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Daily

August/September

Big Idea: Communication

ELA - Conventional Communication: Sentence Structure, Grammar and Parts of Speech

Math - Properties of Operations

Science - Matter; Science Safety

Social Studies– Citizenship and Vocabulary

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills: Etiquette

October

Big Idea: Structure

ELA – Literary Elements: Point of View, Tone and Mood, Theme, Character, Setting and Figurative Language

Math – Algebra

Science – Physical Science and Forces of Nature

Social Studies – Environment: Natural Disasters and Preservation

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Following Directions

November

Big Idea: Content Knowledge

ELA – Literary Elements: Plot, Inferences vs. Explicit, Analogies and Rhyming

Math – Multiplication

Science – Chemistry

Social Studies – Civics and Governance: Rights, Responsibilities and Government

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Decision Making

December

Big Idea: Sequence

ELA- The Writing Process

Math – Fractions

Science - Waves: Water, Light, Seismic and Sound

Social Studies- Civics and Governance: Rights, Responsibilities and Government

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Decision Making

January

Big Idea: Writing

ELA – Application of the Writing Process

Math – Fractions and Ratios

Science – Earth Systems, Structures and Processes

Social Studies - Civics and Governance: Understanding Social Change

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Safety

February

Big Idea: Compare and Contrast

ELA– Compare and Contrast

Math- Probability

Science- Water Cycle and Hydrosphere

Social Studies – Civics and Governance: Understanding Social Change

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Personal Care

March

Big Idea: Form/Function

ELA – Non-Fiction

Math – Statistics and Graphs

Science – Plants: Photosynthesis, Respiration and Transpiration

Social Studies – Needs and Wants

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Self-awareness

April

Big Idea: Systems

ELA – Fiction

Math – Geometry

Science – Structures and Functions of Living Organisms

Social Studies – Economics

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills: Household Responsibilities

May/June

Big Idea: Change

ELA – Drama and Poetry

Math – Measurement

Science – Ecosystems

Social Studies – Financial Literacy

ITES- Sources of Information, Technology as a Tool, Research Process, and Safety & Ethical Issues

Life Skills- Community Responsibilities