

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES - GRADE 8

LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading/Literature

- Silent and oral reading
- Reading comprehension
- Vocabulary building

Grammar/Composition

- Utilize proper manuscript form
- Review and correctly use all capitalization rules
- Review and correctly use end marks, comma rules, semicolons, colons, italics, hyphens, quotation marks, apostrophes, dashes, and parentheses
- Write summaries and prepare written book reports
- Prepare and give oral book reports
- Recognize kinds of sentences, subjects, and predicates
- Locate subjects and verbs and diagram them
- Recognize compound subjects and verbs and diagram them
- Recognize and identify complements, sentences, and sentence fragments
- Correct fragments and run-on sentences
- Recognize and identify parts of speech, tenses, and voices
- Use troublesome words correctly (example: sit, set, rise, raise, lie, lay)
- Recognize common and proper nouns and be able to make verbs agree with noun subjects
- Use nouns as predicate nominative, direct objects, indirect objects, appositives
- Recognize and use gerund and infinitive phrases and diagram them
- Recognize noun clauses and diagram them
- Write paragraphs with proper structure, development, unity and coherence
- Write descriptions and cover such things as point of view, selecting details, arranging details, using exact nouns and verbs, describing things and describing persons
- Recognize pronouns, make verbs agree with pronoun subjects, make pronouns agree with their antecedents, use and recognize nominative case pronouns, objective case pronouns and possessive case pronouns
- Recognize adjectives and proper adjectives, distinguish adjectives from nouns and pronouns, recognize predicate adjectives and diagram them
- Recognize prepositional phrases and verbal phrases as adjectives and diagram them
- Develop library skills
- Write outlines using proper outline form
- Write a research paper according to the proper procedures and guidelines

Spelling

- Will continue to develop mastery of spelling rules, exceptions and vocabulary words with the study of age appropriate lists of words

SCIENCE

- Continue to use research, reading, observation and the scientific method to further knowledge of the human body, physical science, the atmosphere, weather, scientific classifications, the microscopic world, science and creation, insects and other arthropods, the universe, solid matter, motion, fluids, heat, birds, magnets and magnetism, and electrons and electricity.

MATHEMATICS

- Review addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers
- Review operational order, principles, rounding, and Roman numerals
- Review and continue to develop problem solving strategies for multi-step problems
- Study prime and composite numbers, great common factors and least common multiples
- Continue study of fractions including but not limited to, equivalent, proper, improper, addition of, subtraction of, multiplication of, division of, and complex fractions
- Develop an understanding of problem solving strategies using a conversion factory
- Study addition, subtraction, multiplication, rounding and division of decimals

SOCIAL STUDIES

History

- Explorers Reach the Americas 40,000 B.C. - A.D. 1500
- Europeans Explore the New Lands 1492-1610
- Europeans compete for Colonial Empires 1492-1610
- English Colonies Thrive in North America 1607-1763
- Colonial Life Varies from Region to Region 1607-1763
- Self-Government Develops in the Thirteen Colonies 1607-1763
- The Colonists Seek Greater Freedom 1763-1775
- The Thirteen Colonies Win Independence
- The Thirteen States Create a Constitution 1781-1789
- The Federalists Launch the New Government 1789-1800
- The United States Grows Stronger 1800-1815
- National and Sectional Interests Compete 1815-1846
- The Northeast Becomes the Center of Commerce 1815-1846
- Cotton Shapes Southern Life 1815-1846
- Americans Call for Social Change 1815-1846
- The United States Reaches from Sea to Sea 1840-1853
- The Nation Divides in Two 1850-1861
- The North and the South Fight a Bitter War 1851-1865
- The Nation Heals Its Wounds 1865-1877

Civics

- Discussion of current events
- Discussion of national holidays

Geography

- Map skills

SAFETY EDUCATION AND FIRE SAFETY

- Regular and continuous instruction in the dangers and prevention of fires
- Practice of safety procedures

HEALTH

- Increase knowledge of good nutrition and other areas affecting good health
- Discuss dangers of alcohol and/or drug abuse
- Increase knowledge of human anatomy

ART

- Drawing
- Crafts
- Study various artists, styles and periods of art history

MUSIC

- Increase music appreciation by listening to various types of music
- Study some composers

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Daily exercise and fresh air
- Participation in sports activities