

## Middle School Course Descriptions, 2020-2021

### General Science

Teacher: Tammy Hunter

Meets: Full year, once weekly for 2 hours (see grid)

Lab fee: \$30, payable directly to Mrs. Hunter

Required text:

- *Exploring Creation with General Science 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Jay Wile (ISBN: 9781932012866)
- *Solutions and Tests for Exploring Creation with General Science 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Jay Wile (ISBN: 9781932012873)

Homework time expectation: 2 hours weekly

Teaching format: Lecture, homework, videos, & hands-on activities

Description: This course covers an overview of the history of science, the scientific method, introduction to lab report writing, archaeology, geology, rocks and minerals, paleontology, the fossil record, and simple machines. A syllabus will be provided with clearly laid-out, daily assignments to be done at home. The assignments consist of reading the textbook, answering questions in the textbook, and taking module tests. Students will be introduced to lab report writing, and by the end of the year, they will be able to write a lab report. Lab report writing, however, will be kept to a minimum to keep the joy of science alive and well for middle schoolers.

### Middle School History

Teacher: Gail Friedline

Meets: Full year, once weekly for 1 hour (see grid)

Required materials: Book TBD before class begins

Homework time expectation: 1-2 hours weekly, depending upon reading speed

Teaching format: Weekly lectures with PowerPoint & video clips, games & in-class activities, weekly homework assignments, tests after each history unit, & project presentation for each unit

Description: This year we will be doing Modern American History (Reconstruction through 1990s). We will complete a unit about every four to six weeks. We will do lots of hands-on activities, games, PowerPoints, and video clips to keep the students interested. For the last week of each unit we have a project day with food, costumes, etc. where the students present their projects. (Past projects have included posters, videos, food, and a variety of other interesting things). There will be a take-home test on each history unit.

### Middle School Literature

Teacher: Marilyn Groop

Meets: Full year, once weekly for 1 hour (see grid)

Required materials: Books TBD before class begins (see potential list below)

Homework time expectation: 1-2 hours weekly, depending upon reading speed

Teaching format: Weekly lectures with PowerPoint & video clips, games & in-class activities, weekly homework assignments, quizzes after each literature book

Updated 8/5/20

**Description:** This year we will be doing Modern American Literature. We will do lots of hands-on activities, games, PowerPoints, and video clips to keep the students interested. There will be an in-class quiz on each book.

**Potential booklist:**

- *The Long Winter*, Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Call of the Wild*, Jack London
- *War Horse*, Michael Morpurgo
- *Blue Willow*, Doris Gates
- *Ashes of Roses*, MJ Auch
- *The Christmas Truce*, Aaron Shepard **Or** *The Gift of the Magi*, O. Henry
- *Snow Treasure*, Marie McSwigan
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, E.L. Konigsburg
- *My Side of the Mountain*, Jean Craighead George
- *The Watson Go to Birmingham*, Christopher Paul Curtis