

## Sample Minimum Course of Study ~ Middle School

Child's Name

School year (2021-2022)

### 1. Basic Communication skills, including reading, and writing

- Parts of Speech
- Report and Persuasive Writing
- Learning the art of debate; how to present defensible oral arguments while maintaining factual accuracy
- Vocabulary
- Spelling
- Use of dictionary and thesaurus

### 2. Basic Communication skills mathematics

- Mathematics
- Money management
- Negative Numbers
- Percents
- Fractions - division
- Decimal addition, multiplication, subtraction and division
- Estimation and rounding

### 3. Citizenship, History, and Government in Vermont and the United States

- Study the ancient worlds of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China and the Aztecs by looking at what they ate, what they wore and where they lived.
- Field trips to our local Historical Society to focus on the history of our town and surrounding areas.

### 4. English, American and other literature:

- Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
- Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman,
- The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
- Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
- Five O'Clock Charlie by Marguerite Henry
- My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara
- Riding Chance by Christine Kendall
- The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
- Answer questions about the book's plot, characters, etc.

### 5. Natural Sciences

- Study the human body and the purpose of each body system, what the main organs of the system are and their specific functions, and how the organs work together for the system and body to function as a whole

- Study plants, look into herbal medicine and plants. Student will participate in growing a garden.
  - Space – planets of our solar system
  - Birds and specific habitats
6. **\*Physical Education (i.e. team sports, dance, martial arts, yoga, skiing)**
- Biking, hiking, swimming, snow shoeing, skiing
7. **\*Comprehensive Health Education including the effects of tobacco, alcoholic drinks, and drugs on the human system and on society**
- Human nutrition -- healthy food choices and meal preparation
  - Coronavirus - variants, immune response to disease and vaccine (link to immune system in science)
  - Self-care and wellness
8. **\*Fine Arts**
- Piano lessons
  - Pencil drawing and watercolors
  - Clay sculpture
  - Participate in local play production

**\*only applicable to students who are 12 at the time of enrollment**