



Academic Team Events

STREAM - Grades 1-5

Students will be engaging in hands-on activities focused on the areas of science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math. There will not be a dull moment as the students create and problem solve.

Art Memory – Grades 4-8

This area is like a stroll through the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., as well as through Texas museums. Students will study reproductions of painting from these galleries.**

Calculator Applications- Grades 6-8

Students in this area will develop mathematical reasoning and knowledge. This area requires application of problem solving skills toward realistic problems with the use of a calculator.**

Creative Writing – Grades 1-2

The area is designed to promote creativity and encourage writing skills at an early age. Students will practice writing creative stories based on prompts of pictures.**

Impromptu Speaking – Grades 7-8

In this area, students are challenged to think quickly and communicate effectively. They will have short amounts of time to organize their thoughts and then speak without notes.**

Listening Skills – Grades 4-8

In this area, students will focus on good listening skills. Good listening skills enhance any academic area.**

Maps, Graphs, and Charts – Grades 4-8

This subject is designed to provide students with experience in obtaining information from visual sources. The students will use atlases, charts, and articles in this area.**

Mathematics – Grades 2-8

In this area, students will be challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of math concepts.**

Number Sense – Grades 4-8

Students in this area will focus on mental mathematics. They will practice finding high-speed solutions to exciting and challenging math problems.**

On-Site Drawing – Grades 6-8

Students will practice rendering a drawing based on a display of still life models. Students will practice with different media and various sets of objects.**

Poetry Interpretation – Grades 4-8

Students will select, prepare, and read a literary poetry selection with an introduction. Students will be evaluated on the aspects of the performance, such as the appropriateness of the selection, introduction, control of presenter, and overall effectiveness.**

Ready Writing- Grades 3-8

This area brings a challenge for the gifted writer. Students are given prompts to write on that address difference audiences and purposes for writing.**

Science – Grades 6-8

This subject will cover Earth, Life, and Physical Science information. Current information in textbooks and science publications will be covered.**

Spelling – Grades 2-8

Students will learn tips and practice in the area of spelling. The students will be working with words within their grade level and beyond.**

Storytelling – Grades 1-3

Students will hear a story, then retell for the audience in their own words. This activity encourages the use of recall and allows young students to bring their expression and insight to the story.**

Vocabulary – Grades 5-8

Students will focus on SAT prep skills, including word usage, reading comprehension, and analogies. The students will also work on other study skills and creative ways of learning new words.**

**Most descriptions are based on the PSIA contest information briefs.

There will also be Bible Bowl for grades 5-8. There will be session for this closer to the dates of Bible Bowl for those interested.