3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Language Arts and Reading Build on reading and listening comprehension skills, phonics, spelling and vocabulary. Develop writing skills focusing on grammar, punctuation and proofreading; including honing the skills of developing main ideas with proper sequencing and drawing conclusions in order to complete book reports and novel studies. Learn to distinguish between cause & effect, make inferences and identify genres. Gain proficiency in the use of the dictionary and thesaurus. Continue to improve cursive writing skills.	Language Arts and Reading Recognize and use various sentence structures and types, demonstrate a mastery of capitalization and punctuation rules, and recognize parts of speech. Reinforce and further develop spelling skills. Engage in writing exercises in order to explore different styles integrating subject matter from other parts of the curriculum. Encourage independent, proficient reading with better understanding of content. Continued exposure to different genres.	Language Arts and Reading Build on knowledge of sentence structure, parts of speech, usage and mechanics. Learn and implement new spelling words across the curriculum and focus on spelling in daily writing in order to increase proficiency in all writing projects. Integrate reading skills into complete language skills. Build on phonics in order to re-enforce higher level thinking skills. Assign outside reading in order to develop creativity and pleasure reading. Learn to prepare and present research projects.
Mathematics Math 6: A study of whole numbers, operations, decimals, fractions, mixed numbers, estimation, integers, number theory, percents, measurements, geometry, statistics, and graphing. Introduction to Algebraic expressions and equations.	Mathematics Re-enforcement of number operations, quantitative reasoning, and geometry. Introduction of algebra, spatial sense, and probability. The coordination of geometry, statistics, data analysis and patterns. Developing problem solving skills with a focus on reasoning and processes.	Mathematics Continued emphasis on number operations with whole numbers, decimals and fractions. Building on previous exposure to algebra, Roman Numerals, measurements, and graphing.
Social Studies A focus on the history of South Carolina concentrating on the American Revolution,geography, land resources, state regions and map skills.	Social Studies An overview of Early American History through a focus on the Exploration of the New World, settlement of North America, the American Revolution, the birth of the Nation, Westward Expansion, and the Civil War.	Social Studies A focus on American History beginning with the Civil War with a progression through both World Wars, the Great Depression, the Cold War, and modern times.
Science Introduction to the Scientific Method, force & motion, mechanics, electricity, and light & sound. The continued study of ecosystems, geology, natural resources, the water cycle and magnets.	Science A focus on organisms and their environments, astronomy, weather, light and electricity with an emphasis on developing questioning and reasoning strategies.	Science A more extensive study of biology from cell structure to body systems, plant growth and reproduction, ecosystems, fossils and rock cycles, oceans, properties of matter, and forces and motion.