***River Mill Academy***

***Middle School Elective Course Selection***

***2020 - 2021***

Middle School Students will have the opportunity to attend two electives each semester. All students will take Physical Education for one semester and will need to choose 3 additional electives.

**List your elective choices:**

1. Health/PE
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Alternate 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Descriptions**

***Art:*** Students will do a variety of projects to learn different art techniques and skills.

***Band:*** This is a yearlong course and counts as 2 electives. Students will learn to read music and play and instrument.

***Chorus:*** Students will learn to read music and practice vocal techniques.

***Comparing Books to Film:*** Students will compare and contrast the “movie” and “book” version of a story. You will analyze the connections between how a story is presented in written vs. Movie format. Be ready to use your discussion and analysis skills in this elective.

***Computer Skills***: Students will learn how to navigate a computer, type, use various computer applications, and basic computer science principles.

***Creative Writing:*** Through fun and interactive group projects, partner writing, and independent creation of stories, students will discover how imagery, character development, dialogue, and other strategies can help improve their writing skill and imagination.

***GeoChallenge:*** Students will learn about the geography of North Carolina, the United States, and the world. Through a series of immersive projects, students will expand their knowledge of land features, cultures, and travel destinations.

***Geology:*** Students will explore topics such as the dinosaurs, fossils, the rock cycle, geologic history, volcanoes, earthquakes, weathering and space.

***History in Film:*** Students will be exposed to how film depicts different events in American history. Each production will be compared to the real history.

***Horticulture:*** Students learn how to grow food, build a garden and greenhouse. Students will also learn what’s necessary to successfully grow vegetables during different seasons of the year.

***Journalism:*** Through fun interactive projects, partner writing, and independent article creation, students will become reporters while learning how different media sources spread information throughout our world.

***Life Skills and Home Economics:*** Students will learn the relationship between individuals, families, communities, and the environment in which they live. Home economics teaches students important life skills, such as cooking, sewing, and finances, practical skills.

***Oceanography:*** Students will learn all about marine life and historical events. Students will discover an introduction of the ocean.

***Spanish:*** Students will learn listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Spanish.

***STEM:*** Students will learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematic concepts by studying and building robots.

***Theater Arts:*** Students will develop their acting skills in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech, diction, and role play. Students will also learn about the basic concepts of technical theatre including stagecraft, lighting, and sound.

\*\* Math Challenge/Reading Challenge – These courses provide additional academic support in the specific content area. Students may be placed in these courses based on teacher or administrator recommendation.