



SIXTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

The first year in middle school is a big transition as students move between classes and take more responsibility for their homework. There are new opportunities to serve and develop their gifts both in and out of the classroom. All of our teachers look forward to meeting these new students and helping them have a good first year in middle school.

BIBLE

Our 6th graders study the four gospels, Acts, and a few of Paul's letters. We finish the year with a look at the book of Revelation. We use the scriptures above all but also supplement our information with videos from The Bible Project.

Students also spend time learning 12 - 15 passages of Bible memory, time in prayer together, and reflect on their growth in Christ as it is at this time and place.

SOCIAL STUDIES

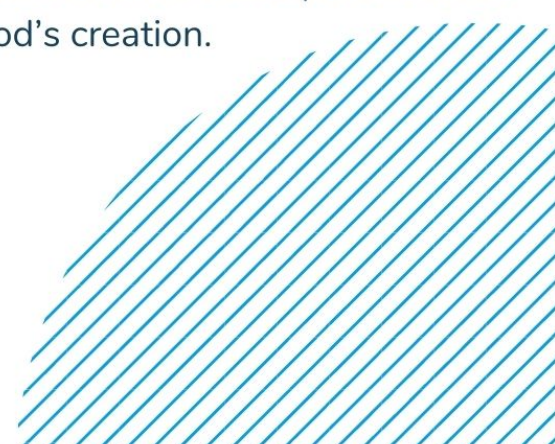
We study ancient history from the Mesopotamians through the Renaissance. Current event discussions are held through the year as important topics arise. A portion of our year is devoted to becoming familiar with refugees, persecuted Christians, and the treatment of Jews during the Holocaust. In our geography class which meets once each week, we study through projects related to the regions of Latin America, Oceania, and Europe.

MATH

We use the Envision Math curriculum beginning in 6th grade. Students reinforce computational skills, begin thinking algebraically, use ratios and percents to solve real-world problems, study 2-dimensional geometry and analyze and summarize data.

SCIENCE

6th grade science curriculum allows students explore the following topics: weather, earth's interior and geological processes. Students learn to investigate, collect and analyze scientific data, and take part in a project where they will act as earthkeepers in order to care for God's creation.





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WRITING/GRAMMAR

In sixth grade, students learn about types of sentences and the parts of speech in the context of literature and their writing.

Sentences, Nouns, Verbs, Pronouns, Adjectives, and Adverbs are the main units we study.

Using 6+1 Traits of Writing framework students learn and practice writing strategies in Writer's Notebooks. Writing fluently, adding details and voice, and using words that build pictures are skills we work on throughout the year. Students will also write a personal narrative, persuasive essay, explanatory paper, and comparison paper.

ENRICHMENT

Units are designed with enrichment opportunities to encourage individual growth. Students take a trip to Michigan's Adventure for community and work in Accountability Groups to help with spiritual formation as well as Exploratory classes. Beginning in sixth grade, students have the opportunity to participate in the National Spelling and Geography Bees as well as intramurals.

LITERATURE

Our literature time is spent reading both fictional and informational texts. The students are encouraged to read from many genres of literature while attempting to meet individualized book goals. Four books are done either as a classroom novel study or as a literature circle group. The students respond to literature in many ways while gaining an understanding of various literary devices and the structure of stories regarding plot, theme, setting, and point of view.

CO-CURRICULAR

Middle school students participate weekly in art, Spanish, technology, & physical education. They also have the opportunity to participate in band, choir, or orchestra.

