

Sixth Grade Curriculum Snapshot

The 6th grade curriculum is Christ-centered, with an emphasis on building relationships using Jesus as the primary example of how we should live our lives to our own benefit and more importantly, to the benefit of others, bringing God's love to a world in need. Romans 12:2 states, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Sixth graders understand the value of God's word and practice analysis of God's law and Gospel in order to discern His will for their lives.

Religion

- Daily Religious Education focuses on the following units of study: Beginnings and Patriarchs, To the Promised Land, Prophets and Kings, Collapse and Captivity, The Promised One is Here, The Ministry of Jesus, Jesus Complete our Salvation, The Spread of the Gospel, and We're God's Witnesses
- Daily devotions, weekly memory work, praying throughout the day, response to weekly Chapel: chapel notes help differentiate law and gospel in God's Word and in the homily

Language Arts

- Reading: Novel units including *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor, and *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne; Other literature units focus on poetry and short story elements; Accelerated Reader (AR)
- Writing: Six Traits focus with peer reviews, poetry, letter writing, autobiographical essay, short story, and compare-and-contrast essay
- Grammar: Nouns and Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs and Adjectives, Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Basic Sentence Parts
- Spelling: Monday-pretest, Friday-posttest, usage opportunities throughout the week, synonyms, antonyms, word families, analogies and classical roots activities. Correct spelling expected in final draft of all writing activities
- Handwriting: Lowercase and uppercase cursive and manuscript letters practiced; neat, legible cursive is expected on all assignments
- Access to library checkout weekly

Math

- Beginning of the year math poster project
- Algebraic thinking: variables, expressions, equations, basic functions
- Measurement: length, weight, capacity; scale, graphing, mean/median/mode
- Decimals: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- Fractions: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- Ratios, proportions, & percents
- Geometry: two and three dimensional, areas, volumes
- Integers: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- Probability, statistics, and data display

Science

- Measurement: metric length, mass, volume, temperature
- Weather and Climate: tracking daily trends in weather patterns
- Earth Materials: rocks, mineral properties, rock and mineral identification
- Soil Formation and Conservation - Cook County Farm Bureau Visit
- Health topics: body systems, nutrition, exercise, being and staying healthy

Social Studies

- The Five Themes of Social Studies: World History, Geography, Government, Economics, Culture
- Ancient Civilizations
- North Africa and Southeast Asia and its Legacy
- Southern Asia & India
- Middle Ages to Modern World History
- Map Skills

Technology

- Algebraic calculators
- Internet research
- Ethical use of data
- Presentation applications
- Research skills
- Essays, projects, and other assignments using Google Docs

Art

- Weekly instruction and practice
- Art history-prehistory through cubism
- Three dimensional creations: modeling clay, paper, air-hardening clay
- Two dimensional creations: pencil, ink, paint, marker

Music

- Music Class Weekly
- Junior Choir twice weekly
- Singing at Sunday worship at St. John's Lutheran Church once per month
- Extra curricular handbell opportunity
- Extra curricular band and strings opportunity

P.E. (daily) conducted by certified P.E. teacher