



Morristown-Beard School

FOCUS ON SIXTH

A typical day at Morristown-Beard School

ADVISORY

Sixth grade students begin their day in homeroom with their advisors at 8:00 a.m. Students gather their books, listen to class announcements and prepare for a day of learning.

ENGLISH

In English class, students practice reading and writing. They learn to use the writing process to develop and strengthen their writing skills. Reading comprehension and fluency is developed through class texts such as *The Outsiders*, *Our Town*, and *A Long Walk to Water*. Students learn vocabulary and grammar within the context of reading and writing along with the use of appropriate exercises in these areas.



MATH

Sixth grade math students are introduced to the integrated math program. The course challenges students to show and explain work, demonstrating that process and end-product are equally important.

GEOGRAPHY

In geography, students learn to better understand themselves and the world in which they live as they examine the physical and human aspects of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

SCIENCE

Young scientists explore earth and life science by engaging in hands-on lab work. The labs are designed to strengthen their understanding of the scientific method.



LANGUAGE

The language program introduces students to French, Spanish or Latin. Students experience motivational, interactive learning techniques meant to inspire young language learners.

LUNCH

All Middle School students have lunch at 11:10 a.m. followed by recess. Prepared at MBS, selections include: hot lunch, sandwich station, soup and salad bar, and dessert.

THE ARTS

Sixth grade students take a semester of chorus and have an additional choice of two semesters or a yearlong art elective in the Visual, Digital, and Performance Art Department.



ADVISORY

End-of-day Advisory is dedicated to organizing materials and preparing for home.

SPORTS & FITNESS

The school day closes with sports or fitness class. Our students have ample opportunities on the playing field to experiment with a new sport or continue to play their favorite one.



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FOCUS ON SEVENTH

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ADVISORY

Seventh grade students begin their day in homeroom with their advisors at 8:00 a.m. Students gather their books, listen to class announcements and prepare for a day of learning.

ENGLISH

In English class, literature is used to enhance student understanding of the world in which they live and to understand the complexity of life through effective study of characterization. The study of vocabulary and grammar continues to occur within the context of reading and writing. Ongoing use of writing and revision rubrics reinforces the understanding of writing as a process, particularly with respect to the creation of analytical essays. Class reads may include such titles as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Alchemist*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



MATH

Introductory Integrated Math courses build on prior years of concrete operational mathematics. Students create a strong foundation in analytical thinking as they apply those prior skills and concepts to a deep study of rational numbers, statistics, three dimensional geometry, and algebraic reasoning. Students use a variety of means of expression to justify, explain and model mathematics as they make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

HISTORY

In history, students examine citizenship and democracy as they study the development of the American identity. Students engage with course material through inquiry-based study, while developing skills related to critical thinking, writing, research, organization, and collaborative work.



SCIENCE

Student scientists participate in a range of exercises grounded in basic science, physics, and chemistry enabling them also to develop age-appropriate skills. The course is tech-based and designed to follow a progression of discoveries—each successive experiment builds on the foundation established by the previous experiment. Technology is extensively used throughout the course.

LANGUAGE

Spanish, French and Latin students begin a two-year study, which is equivalent to a one year of high school study. Through a collaborative, interactive environment students are immersed in the target language. In Spanish and French classes, music, film, audio recordings, video resources and the Internet bring cultural and linguistic aspects of the French and Spanish speaking world into the classroom. In Latin, students practice close reading and begin to master the elements of Latin syntax. The study of Latin is used as a springboard to develop a wide range of age-appropriate study skills, such as categorizing and memorizing foundational material.



LUNCH

All Middle School students have lunch at 11:10 a.m. followed by recess. Prepared at MBS, selections include: hot lunch, sandwich station, soup and salad bar, and dessert.

THE ARTS

Seventh grade students take a quarter of Metalsmithing and have an additional choice of two semesters or a yearlong art elective in the Visual, Digital, and Performance Art Department.

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SPORTS & FITNESS

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FOCUS ON EIGHTH

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ADVISORY

Eighth grade students begin their day in homeroom with their advisors at 8:00 a.m. Students gather their books, listen to class announcements and prepare for a day of learning.

ENGLISH

In English class, students deepen their skills in literary criticism with continuing emphasis on theme, character, and plot. The emphasis on authorial intent is further promoted through the creation and revision of analytical essays. Class readings include short stories, poetry, and such titles as *Night*, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, and *Animal Farm*.



MATH

The Integrated Math 1 course will present the basic disciplines of algebra and geometry in an integrated fashion. Concepts of numbers and quantity, algebra, functions, and geometry and solving. Hands-on activities support concrete applications of the course content while students make bridges to abstract conceptualization.

HISTORY

In history, students begin with an overview of key U.S. 18th and 19th century events leading to the Great Depression and continuing to present day. The class coordinates with the English curriculum through shared readings and vocabulary work. Students learn about the structure of the United States government, and through current events explore some of the challenges our nation faces today.

SCIENCE

Science students explore the world around them. By placing emphasis on the learning process, the following skills are honed: thinking, writing, and creative problem solving. The curriculum uses inquiry based, hands-on, constructivist-learning techniques. There is a mixture of cooperative learning activities and intrapersonal learning projects. The outdoors is used frequently as a basis for scientific exploration. Students address a real-world global problem, applying science concepts they have been developing through the year. Through writing, students obtain, codify, and enhance their understanding of key scientific principles and experimental results—skills needed in preparation for the Upper School science program.



LANGUAGE

French, Spanish, and Latin students continue to develop linguistic ability and fluency through a variety of activities in all four language skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students learn to communicate meaningfully through cooperative learning and interactive language tasks that range from paper and pencil to iPad technology.



LUNCH

All Middle School students have lunch at 11:10 a.m. followed by recess. Prepared at MBS, selections include: hot lunch, sandwich station, soup and salad bar, and dessert.

THE ARTS

Eighth grade students take a quarter of Stagecraft and have an additional choice of two semesters or a yearlong art elective in the Visual, Digital, and Performance Art Department.



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