

6th Grade Course List

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ENGLISH

6th Grade: English Language Arts

Students in the sixth grade increase their independence as readers, practicing reading comprehension strategies as they work with texts from a variety of literary genres. Students learn the conventions of writing while developing their vocabulary, implementing these skills into the writing process as they create original works of fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry. Finally, Language Arts classes in the sixth grade provide frequent opportunities for students to develop public speaking strategies and critical listening skills.

MATH

6th Grade Math

Sixth grade math is an exploration of math techniques and concepts designed for students who have mastered fifth grade standards. This class is taught from a college preparatory perspective and is designed to give students superior skills in problem solving and knowledge of mathematical operations. Students who take this course could be ready to enter Pre-Algebra in the seventh grade. The course content follows the standards set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

SCIENCE

6th Grade: Earth Science

Earth Science emphasizes the four branches of Earth Science, including geology, meteorology, astronomy, and oceanography. The course will include the formation processes, erosional forces, the water cycle, plate tectonics, and geologic history. Upon completion, students will understand the Earth's surface and interior, oceans, atmosphere, and the Earth's place in the universe.

SOCIAL STUDIES

6th Grade: World Cultures

In World Cultures, students will be introduced to the five themes of geography (place, human environment, interaction, movement, and regions), the tools of geography, introduction to world languages, and mapping and graphing skills. Students will be expected to use this knowledge to explore the cultures and languages of the continents of the world. Students will begin the process of learning critical thinking skills, basic research techniques, and reading content comprehension. Students will be expected to learn how to demonstrate their mastery of the content in a variety of ways, including test taking, project creation, and oral presentations.

RELIGION

6th Grade: Old Testament

A strong foundation in our Catholic Christian faith begins with the Old Testament, the canon that Jesus studied and knew well as a person of the Jewish faith. Students learn to grow in Jesus through the study of the Old Testament stories such as the story of Creation and The Ten Commandments. Further, students learn that God calls us all to holiness and faithfulness as they explore the story of the Israelites. In addition to the study of the Old Testament, young believers also learn the gift of personal prayer and reflection on Scripture, and students are introduced to the formal prayers of the Catholic Church.

MUSIC/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

6th Grade Music

This class is for 6th Grade only; the focus is on beginning band or string fundamentals. Students with prior experience may be given additional/more difficult assignments, based on ability. Completion of this class should yield mature, informed, disciplined, and competent young musicians, prepared for intermediate band or strings.

6th Grade Physical Education

This course will prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century by providing opportunities to attain the skills and knowledge to be physically active as part of a healthy lifestyle. Students will explore concepts of fitness, social, physical, spiritual, and mental behavior changes, rules and ethics of a variety of sports and recreational games, sportsmanship, strength and conditioning, body composition, and stretching techniques that will focus on personal improvement with respect to your gender, skill level, and ability.