

# Sixth Grade

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## Fast Facts

- 24 student maximum class size
- 60-90 minutes of homework per night
- 2-4 field trips
- 3 enrichment classes per week: PE, Spanish, and STEAM

## Field Trips & Highlights

- Weekly STEAM class
- Egyptian Museum
- Service Projects
- Outdoor Education Camp, Alliance Redwoods
- Greek Day
- World's Fair
- Activities with Buddy Classes

## Homework Expectations

- 60-90 minutes each night
- 600 pages per quarter of nightly reading
- 10 hours of volunteer service hours

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## Curriculum Outlines

### **Bible - Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

The sixth grade Bible focuses on the Old Testament. Students study individual characters from the Old Testament and an associated character trait that applies to the story being read. Along with learning the cultural and historical context of each individual, students discuss how to apply that particular characteristic to their own lives.

### **Language Arts – Harcourt, *Collections* ([HMH Collections](http://HMH Collections))**

Sixth grade language arts focuses on the areas of grammar, composition, vocabulary, reading, and literature. Thematic units allow students to reflect on their reading and writing assignments through Biblical application. Writing skills are developed through creative and analytic assignments. Essays include narrative, argumentative, informational writing, and literary analysis. Students read a mixture of classical and modern literature, non-fiction texts, short stories, myths and poetry to help strengthen critical thinking, comprehension, and analysis skills. Classwork and homework includes responses to literature or nonfiction text, independent reading, annotation, vocabulary, essays, and projects. **Literature:** *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe; Bud, Not Buddy*

### **Math - Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life ([Big Ideas Math](http://Big Ideas Math))**

This rigorous program balances conceptual understanding with math procedures and application. Each lesson offers digital math tools, modeling, differentiation and real life application. In sixth grade, students master the four arithmetic operations using whole numbers, fractions, decimals, positive and negative integers. Students solve straightforward pre-algebraic numerical equations, and write and solve world problems for all concepts covered. There are two math classes: sixth grade and six squared (slightly more advanced), both using the same textbook. Both small group instruction and [IXL](#) provide differentiated instruction.

### **Science – Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

Earth science is the primary focus of this course of study. The major topics covered are geology, earthquakes, volcanoes, the dynamic earth, water and water systems, meteorology and the environment. Students are inspired to be curious and appreciative of God's creation.

### **Social Studies - Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

Sixth graders study ancient history from creation to the fall of the Roman Empire. This includes the study of ancient Mesopotamia, Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, Israel, China, India, Persia, Greece, Rome and geography. Weekly map quizzes are also incorporated into this program.

### **Spanish**

Sixth grade Spanish is an exploratory year for students and they begin to acquire the language, conjugate verbs and master vocabulary and spelling.