

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** This course incorporates a survey of the New Testament, an in-depth, personalized study of popular passages, and application of the Scriptures to important issues faced by sixth graders. In this course, students will be encouraged to think and become more Christ-like. The focus is on personal Bible study and the understanding of principles which can guide all life's decisions.
- Social Studies:** Sixth grade students will study the history of the Western Hemisphere based on Christian principles. They will recognize that history is absolutely God's story. Students will also develop an understanding of the people and places of their own land and neighboring countries.
- Language Arts:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts program is divided into four categories which consist of grammar, creative writing, reading, and spelling. By developing each of these areas students are better able to use God's gift of thought and language to reason, think, and develop complete orderly thoughts. With these skills a student is then able to purposely and clearly communicate God's orderly plan for the world and the plan of salvation for mankind in unique and creative ways.
- Mathematics:** Sixth grade Arithmetic will be taught from a Biblical worldview that stresses both spiritual and academic growth. This course is taught in a traditional arithmetic format which will lay the foundation for the student's understanding of mathematics. In addition, the student will review and continue to learn facts and concepts that are needed for problem solving, reasoning, and critical thinking.
- Science:** In 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, students will see and understand the plan of God as it is revealed in His orderly creation. Students will be provided a solid foundation in science that is based on God's word and Christian principles. The students will learn basic science principles and develop thinking skills through demonstrations, experiments, projects, and research activities. Students will study invertebrates, the plant kingdom, magnetism, space, volcanoes, earthquakes, formation and classification of rocks, and chemistry.
- Spanish:** Sixth Grade Spanish course is designed to incorporate communication skills to develop and reinforce Spanish language acquisition. This course will focus on essential vocabulary and structures while practicing different language skills. Students will acquire listening comprehension skills. Students will also communicate, build vocabulary, structure the language and enhance Hispanic cultural awareness.
- Computer:** Computer lab lessons are designed to teach students about the use of technology. Students will use a variety of applications throughout the year. Applications and topics of study include: *Microsoft Word*, *Microsoft Power Point*, *Microsoft Excel*, *Microsoft Paint*, computer awareness, internet safety and searches, keyboarding, and how to run age appropriate software. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas as well.
- Music:** Choir is for learning about music, enjoying singing as a class, and participation in school-wide programs. Band includes introduction to the student's chosen instrument and basic introduction to musical concepts needed for playing.
- Physical Education:** In Physical Education, students acquire the knowledge and skills for movement that provide the foundation for enjoyment, continued social development through physical activity, and access to a physically-active lifestyle. The student exhibits a physically-active lifestyle and understands the relationship between physical activity and health throughout the life span. In Grades 6-8, students understand in greater detail the function of the body, learn to measure their own performance more accurately, and develop plans for improvement. Identifying the types of activities that provide them with enjoyment and challenge and that will encourage them to be physically active throughout life is reinforced during instruction in these grades.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

### Language Arts(A Beka, BJUP, ACSI):

#### Reading and Literature

Oral reading  
Reading comprehension  
Speed reading  
Vocabulary building  
Dictionary skills

#### Spelling

Weekly word lists by prefixes, suffixes, and root words  
Vocabulary study from the word lists  
Dictionary skills

#### Language

*Writing Process*  
Writing, comparison /contrasts, poetry, outlines, library research paper, narration, journal  
Sentences and sentence parts  
Fragments, run-ons  
Punctuation and capitalization rules  
Library skills  
Student Writers' Handbook  
*Grammar*  
Recognizing, diagramming, and using all eight parts of speech

### Social Studies (A Beka):

Advanced map studies  
Geography facts, including the 50 states  
Eight documents reviewed  
North America: Canada, United States, Mexico and Central America  
South America: Continent of Natural Resources  
Nations of South America  
United States History: The Colonial Heritage, New World's First Republic, U.S. in the Twentieth Century

### Science (A Beka):

*Earth and Space*  
Our Fascinating Earth  
God's Great Universe  
Exploring Space  
*Chemistry*  
Matter and Chemistry (atoms, elements, and compounds)  
*Plants*  
Plentiful Plants  
*Animals*  
Observing Invertebrates

### Math (A Beka):

Place value of whole numbers and decimals  
Maintaining skills in fundamental operations  
Story problems/Problem-solving strategies  
Roman numerals  
Rounding off  
English and metric measures  
Converting measures within the same system and solving measurement equations  
Adding, subtracting, and multiplying measures  
Prime factoring  
Fundamental operations involving fractions and decimals  
Estimation  
Ratios and proportion  
Percent  
Probability  
Graphs and scale drawing/Introduction to statistics  
Basic geometric shapes  
Perimeter, area, and circumference  
Bisecting angles  
Reading thermometers  
Converting Celsius to Fahrenheit and Fahrenheit to Celsius  
Equation solving/Introduction to basic algebra  
Banking, finding interest, and installment buying

### Bible (ACSI):

Lessons from New Testament including Gospels, Acts, Epistles, and Revelation (includes memory verses and Bible doctrine)

### Spanish (McGraw Hill - Glencoe):

Introduction to Spanish  
Vocabulary and Sentence Structure  
Understand Culture  
Names and Greetings  
Numbers 1-100  
Classroom objects / Subjects  
Colors and Shapes  
Calendar / Days of the Week  
Seasons / Weather  
Possession  
Questions and affirmative and negative statements using *tener*  
Difference between *tu* and *usted*  
Subject pronouns *el* and *ella*  
Adverbs: *tampoco, tambien, siempre, nunca, a veces.*  
Time  
Question words  
Singular and plural forms of *ser*  
Interrogative words  
*por* and *de*  
Singular forms of the -er and -ir verbs  
*Ir* + infinitive  
Opinions and facts  
Families and names in Spanish speaking countries  
Diminutives  
Possessives *mi, tu, su*



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