

First Assembly Christian School Sixth Grade Curriculum

English

Sixth grade English emphasizes practice and mastery of written and oral communication skills such as strengthening grammar usage and mechanics, studying the parts of speech and their functions, and developing critical thinking skills. Composition skills are developed as students study different modes of writing. In addition to assigned compositions, students engage in independent self-selected writing through journaling.

Text: World of Language 7 – Silver Burdett & Ginn
Wordly Wise 3 – Educators Publishing Service, Inc.
Daily Oral Language – McDougall, Littell & Company

Literature

In literature, students continue to develop reading skills and higher-order thinking skills in whole class work. Students use assigned and self-select texts to study characterization, setting and plot. They then complete activities that build their understanding of how these elements work together in a novel. We emphasize the relationship between reading and writing, and students are encouraged to use observations about this relationship in their own creative writing. Students also complete various projects throughout the year. Through assigned reading, students are introduced to a variety of authors and to different genres of literature. Self-selected reading teaches the student how to make good choices in his/her reading material and enhances reading for pleasure.

Text: Glencoe Literature Course 1
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Mildred Taylor
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis

Math

The sixth grade math course reviews whole number computation while continuing the study of fractions and decimals along with the introduction of percents. Measurement, using the English and metric system, is drilled. Mastered arithmetic skills are applied to the study of geometry and equations, and problem solving is emphasized throughout the year. Introduction to pre-algebra is integrated throughout the year as well.

Text: Glencoe Mathematics Applications & Connections Course I, McGraw-Hill

Science

The sixth-grade curriculum is based on a study of *Earth Science*. The students explore topics such as mapping, minerals and rocks, weathering, erosion, soils, oceans, the Hydrologic Cycle, meteorology, climate, the Solar System, space exploration, and also a discussion of creation and geological time. Some of the investigations take place outside, making observations of the world around us. At this stage of learning, the laboratory experience is a very important aspect. Sixth graders learn proper lab techniques, safety procedures and how the lab fits in with the scientific method. An important objective is the mastery of the scientific method. Sixth grade students learn the scientific method as they devise their own experiments to find solutions to questions.

The Science Fair Project provides the students an opportunity to demonstrate their mastery of the scientific method. It is an individual project, and it requires 10 weeks work of investigation and a research paper. The Science Fair is held in the spring.

Text: Glencoe Earth Science – McGraw-Hill

Social Studies

The sixth grade social studies class explores American History. It begins with the early American Indians and goes through World War I. This course emphasizes changes in the political, economic

and social aspects of America, as they related to the occurring events. Geography and map-reading skills are an integrated part of this curriculum.

Text: USA – The Unfolding Story of America – Amsco

Bible

Sixth grade Bible classes use the ACSI curriculum Christ and My Life. They learn the books of the Bible and study topics such as "The Church on Fire," "Love in the Church," and "Managing our Feelings and Friends." Weekly Bible memory quizzes are given to accompany the units studied.

Text: ACSI Bible – Christ and My Life

Spanish

Students begin this course in the 2nd grade and complete it by the 8th grade. Its purpose is to expose the student to basic reading, writing, oral, and listening skills in Spanish. Upon completion, students will be able to take Spanish II in their freshman year of high school. Emphasis is placed on students acquiring a working knowledge of the language to assist in their transition into high school.

Text: Realidades 1 – Prentice Hall

Computer Lab

The computer lab learning activities provide students with a hands-on, working knowledge of computers. Computer usage is integrated into daily school activities and curriculum requirements; thereby, expanding and enhancing learning experiences in the classroom. Students continue keyboarding and word processing during this year. The computer curriculum also includes instruction in databases, spreadsheet programs, telecomputing (including Internet), computer ethics, and multimedia projects.

Physical Education

Middle School physical education continues to develop gross motor skills. The classes emphasize the use of these skills in organized sports activities. The basic rules of individual sports are taught, with a focus on appropriate sportsmanship and conduct.

Health

Our goal in this class is to teach students that God created us in His image, and that His will for us is good health so that we may live and work for His glory. In sixth grade health, students learn basic first aid, safety, and general health standards. Spiritual growth is fostered through scriptural references that are included in the health text.

Study Skills

The self-discipline and organizational skills taught in this class are skills that God's Word admonishes us to develop in our lives. Our study skills class builds upon the skills learned in previous grades and introduces content areas that will be needed in years to come, both in school and "on the job."

Middle School Activity Period

The middle school students participate in a one-hour Activity Period every Friday afternoon. These classes are designed as a hands-on supplement to our normal academics. The students choose from a wide variety of classes and attend a different class each semester. Examples of classes offered are: Science Club, Photography, Yearbook, Review Crew, Band, Drama, Teacher Assistant, and Computer Club.