



SIXTH GRADE CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

RELIGION

- Church: Students understand that today's Church is rooted in the Old Testament, and that we identify God in the Body of the Church, and recognize the Pope as the leader of the Catholic Church throughout the world.
- Doctrine: Students understand Old Testament scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit, understand the role of free will in daily life, become acquainted with the concept of original sin, and that the Holy Spirit is present and active in our lives.
- Liturgy & Sacraments: Students understand many of our celebrations are rooted in Jewish rituals, that penance and reconciliation offer healing and forgiveness, and examine the liturgical year.
- Scripture: Students appreciate the meaning of oral tradition, identify types of Old Testament literature, understand the personal relationship between the Hebrew God and His people, recognize books of the Old and New Testaments, and trace how Jesus fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament.
- Morality/Family Life: Students will review and understand how to apply the Ten Commandments as enrichment to their lives, recognize sins of commission and omission, analyze Scripture as a guide to making moral decisions, defend human sexuality as a precious gift, and recognize we are all called to lead a chaste life.
- Catholic Social Teaching: Students recognize their role in carrying out works of mercy, examine prophets regarding the mysteries of life: suffering, injustice, and death, recognize that through our relationship with Christ, we are called to live a life of peace and justice.
- Service/Christian Witness: Students recognize Jesus as the center of God's plan for the world, understand we are called to discipleship, and consider how Christians are to be missionaries locally and globally.
- Prayer: Students understand the definition of prayer and its purposes, examine how prayer deepens our covenant with God, identify and reflect on the elements of formal prayer.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Written Language – Narrative, Personal Narrative, Descriptive, Electronic Message, Friendly and Business Letters, Expository, Poetry, Persuasive, and Dramas
- Grammar – Sentence Structure, Nouns, Verbs, Pronouns, Adjectives, Adverbs, Conjunctions, Prepositions, Capitalization and Punctuation
- Oral Language – Use spoken language to communicate effectively, Conduct research and generate ideas and questions orally, Use spoken language to accomplish own purpose, Set -purpose for listening, Develop active listening skills, Construct meaning from auditory experiences

MATHEMATICS

- Ratios and Rates
- Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages
- Compute with Multi-Digit Numbers
- Multiply and Divide Fractions
- Integers and Coordinate Plane
- Expressions
- Equations
- Functions and Inequalities
- Area
- Volume and Surface Area
- Statistical Measures
- Statistical Displays



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SOCIAL STUDIES

- Understand how different economic systems operate in the exchange, production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.
- Locate, describe and explain places, regions and features on the earth.
- Understand relationships between geographic factors and societies.
- Access, gather, and interpret information from a variety of primary and secondary sources including electronic media (images, maps, graphs, artifacts, recordings and text).
- Create various forms of written work (journal, essay, blog, Webpage, brochure) to demonstrate understanding of history and social studies.

READING

- Authors Craft—Short stories from all genres of literature
- Descriptive Language
- Textual Design
- Poetic Devices—A poem a day from a variety of well-known poets

SCIENCE (FOCUS ON EARTH SCIENCE)

- Use the Scientific Method, metric system and measuring using common laboratory tools such as the meter stick, triple beam balance, beakers, compound microscopes and graduated cylinders to investigate and collect data with accuracy
- Explore geological features and changes including plate tectonics, earthquake, volcanoes and the rock cycle
- Investigate astronomy with a focus on the Sun-Earth-Moon System
- Explore the atmosphere to better understand weather including tornadoes and other natural disasters
- Investigate the water planet to better understand sources of fresh water, the importance of glaciers, and how groundwater is a resource. We will also look at water quality, the structure of the ocean including waves, tides, currents, and pollution