6TH GRADE

This program is for students who are ready and excited to grow spiritually, socially, and academically. Students have a six period day consisting of our core Math, Science, History, Religion, and Language Arts classes.

Characteristics of a successful Sixth Grade Learner:

Sixth Grade is a transitional year into Middle School. Students work to build time management and organization skills that enable them to meet the increased expectation and rigor of their coming years as a middle school and high schoolers.

Successful students:

- Self-advocate
- Accurately track and complete homework
- Seek help when needed
- Learn to balance extracurricular activities with classroom requirements.

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Religion

Our Sixth grade students focus on the Old Testament as students learn about the creation accounts and the Journeys of Faith taken by individuals in the Old Testament such as Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, and Moses.

Students also view God, Jesus Christ, the Church, and Sacraments through a lens of Salvation History as we look how the actions taken by each lead to show God's saving intentions.

The required memorized prayers for the Sixth graders are the Act of Hope, Vocation Prayer, and the Luminous Mysteries.

Mathematics

Throughout the year, students will focus on a variety of concepts that work with rational numbers, fractions, decimals, and numerical and algebraic expressions as we work with standards that align with the Common Core Math Standards for the Sixth Grade.

- Students will work with rational numbers as they order and compare them as well as find the absolute value, greatest common factor and least common multiple.
- Students will also work to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions and decimals as well as represent rates, ratios, and percents.
- Moving into numerical and algebraic expressions, students will work with exponents, order of operations, variables, and will write and evaluate expressions and inequalities, using variables and the different properties of operations.
- Students will also work with area and volume of polygons and solid and will also be introduced to finding distance and area on a coordinate plane.

Science

Students begin their studies on Earth Science with a curriculum aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards for Middle School Earth Science.
Throughout the year, students will learn about:

- Earth's layers (both surface and atmospheric)
- Rocks & Minerals (Major types, identification, and classification)
- Geologic changes (including plate tectonics, earthquakes, and volcanoes)
- Weather and Climate.
- Earth's water and natural resources.

Social Studies

Students begin their study of Ancient Civilizations. Students examine the civilizations of:

- Mesopotamia
- Egypt
- China
- India
- Greece

For each civilization, they analyze the impact of geography on the development of the civilization, major and lasting accomplishments.

English Language Arts

- Throughout the year, students read a wide variety of texts in various genres, with an increased emphasis on nonfiction texts.
- Students also work to improve their writing skills, transitioning from narrative writing to a focus on academic writing.
- Students complete a range of writing tasks that include argumentative and informative writing with the end goals of making a claim and supporting that claim with properly cited evidence and reliable sources.
- Students also complete weekly assignments in vocabulary.

Spanish:

Spanish:

- Meets daily for 50 minutes.
- Spanish 1 and 2 sequence- introductory to intermediate skill development in listening,
- speaking, reading, and writing.
- Aligns with first year Spanish at most high schools.
- Curriculum: ¡Qué chévere! Is aligned to the ACTFL World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages. This is the same program used at Bellarmine Preparatory School.
- Online textbook and language learning resources are fully integrated into the curriculum.
- Effective study skills and active participation are both encouraged and reinforced.
- 15-20 minutes of homework, online practice, or studying for tests/quizzes 4 days a week.

Sixth Grade Curriculum:

- ELA: Amplify CKLA
- Math: Go Math! Middle School Grade 6, Savaas Pre-Algebra (honors).
- Religion: St. Mary's Press
- Social Studies: Discovery of the Past: History of the World, the Early Ages.
- Science: Saavas

Homework Expectations:

Typically 60-90 minutes of Homework each evening.

Community Service Requirement:

6th Grade students knit hats that are donated to a homeless shelter.