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Sixth Grade Overview

Bible

The primary goal in sixth grade is to build a firm foundation of faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. It is important for students to know what they believe and why, so that they might not be easily blown about “by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men . . .” Ephesians 4:14. They will read the book of John, examining its historical, doctrinal, and practical messages. The emphasis of this class is the truthfulness and authenticity of the Bible as God’s recorded word. Special emphasis is placed on the person of Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, as shown in the Gospel of John.

Language Arts

Writing Strategies Level F, published by Zaner-Bloser, students are taught a using a strategic and innovative approach which makes it easier to improve writing. With rubric-based instruction, students are provided with clear guidelines and expectations for their writing, so they know what to do to succeed. The curriculum uses a model-practice-apply instructional plan which helps students improve their writing by carefully walking them through the writing process. Grammar Instruction is taught in conjunction with writing, so students learn how to best apply grammar to their compositions. The S.R.A. Reading Laboratory may be used in conjunction with the textbooks to improve reading comprehension and speed.

Literature

All middle school students are introduced to classic and modern literature. They will learn the arts of contemplation, discussion, and to pace themselves while discerning the quality of a book. They will become aware of and explore a variety of genres: adventure, animal, biography, family, fantasy, history, humor, mystery, non-fiction, romance, science fiction, sports, western, and classic. Some of the books that sixth graders may read are The Cay, The Tale of Despereaux, Escape from Warsaw, The Summer of the Swans, The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Where the Red Fern Grows, The Secret Garden, and Bridge to Terabithia.

Mathematics

In Passport to Mathematics Book 1, by McDougal Littell, students will explore and discover the importance of mathematics in daily life. In fact, students will find that many things they do, see and hear are linked to mathematics. Topics include: problem solving, place-value systems and operations, decimals, percent, statistics and graphs, integers and the coordinate plane, and equations and probability.

Science

Our text Science 6, by BJU Press, provides an overview of life science, physical science, earth science. Topics include cells and microbes, cell, animal and plant classifications, genetics, the human body and the nervous system and immune system, the nature of matter, forces and motion. Student awareness of God’s power and creativity will be strengthened as they explore the complexities and relationships of the creation and its underlying principles. Weekly experiments help bring this curriculum to life.

History

Sixth grade students use the text United States History – Beginnings to 1877, by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. They will explore Our Colonial Heritage (beginnings -1783), A New Nation (1777 – 1799), The New Republic (1800-1860), the Nation Expands (1790 – 1860), and the Nation Breaks Apart (1861 – 1877). Students will come to a deeper understanding of America’s past and its impact today.

Physical Education, Computer & Spanish are also core-classes for middle school students. Quarterly Elective Classes which include Band and Choir are offered to give students opportunities to explore and learn new venues in the Arts and Sciences.