

Sixth Grade

As our students enter the sixth grade, they begin their middle school career. Emphasis is placed on gaining independence, developing better study skills and becoming more responsible. The students are also guided in managing healthy peer-relationships and developing healthy concepts of their own self.

Religion

- Explores how God from the very beginning was forming a covenantal family who would continually grow over time and how he gave us laws out of love to keep a strong unity with his family
- Understands that due to the Fall of Man (Original Sin coming into the world) God would fulfill a promise to send someone to save us from sin
- Explores how God's promise came to fulfillment in the person of Jesus
- Explores the fullness and beauty of the covenant God gave us in the Holy Mass
- Forms of Prayer: Praise & worship, silent, communal, formal, rosary, Divine Mercy
- Explores the first and second coming of Christ
- Learns about the lives of the saints
- Introduction to "Theology of the Body."

English Language Arts

- Develops greater inferential, critical and comprehension skills
- Responds independently and dialogues effectively on a variety of texts
- Use five step method to compose an essay using standard English grammar, usage, sentence structure, punctuation, and capitalization
- Rehearses and delivers oral presentations with a focus on body language, articulation and time constraints
- Conducts a research project using formal research methods
- Analyzes and applies literary elements
- Utilizes technology effectively for research and develops grade level appropriate typing skills
- Broadens vocabulary usage, as well as, the ability to use context clues in order to decipher unfamiliar terms

Social Studies

- Studies the development of empires (e.g., Roman, Islamic, African)
- Compares and contrasts the development of culture in ancient civilizations
- Appreciates and studies the impact of religion (e.g., Judaism, Christianity, Islam)
- Understands the effects of geography on culture
- Recognizes people's interdependence through trade, division of labor and resources
- Investigates causes and effects of prejudice and discrimination in history and as a part of daily life

Math

- LCM/GCF and Prime Factorization
- Exponents
- Continued use of Order of Operations

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- Develop and apply understanding of equality between fractions, decimals, and percents
- Development and year-long continued application of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions, decimals, and mixed numbers
- Central Tendency
- Ratio/rates/unit rates
- Proportion
- Coordinate plane
- Formulas (area/perimeter of rectangles, circumference, volume, area of triangles, surface area)
- Introduction and application of integer rules
- Introduction to one-step equations



Science

- Studies scientific method through classroom experiments & investigations
- Studies weather, hurricanes, and climate
- Gathers data on a daily basis using the Weather Link 4
- Matter and its changes including the density of substances
- Drug Awareness
- Identification of minerals and rocks in class labs/rock cycle
- Exploring Space, light pollution, solar system
- Studies the development of river systems
- Explores Louisiana Wetlands and coastal erosion
- Analyzes the Impact of BP Gulf Disaster

Big Events in Science

- Students report Weather Link 4 data to all students in the Middle School.
- Students observe the effects of smoking on "Smoking Sue".
- Students take part in a live internet lesson on coastal habitats from the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies.
- Students visit the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum.
- Students discover the constellations and moon phases in our star lab.

Cross Curriculum Skills

- Solidifies an organizational system (paper and digital)
- Increases self-awareness as a learner through personal reflection and teacher-directed processing
- Practices effective test-taking skills and is guided to utilize different strategies for standardized tests
- Learns a variety of note-taking techniques
- Chooses an appropriate vehicle for communicating a thorough understanding of content
- Analyzes active listening skills and practices listening to others in a variety of contexts
- Applies time management and study strategies for tests & cumulative exams