

## Sixth Grade Curriculum

### Language Arts/Grammar

- In Grammar students study all aspects of punctuation, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, predicates (verbs), adverbs, sentence structure and spelling.
- Composition includes instruction in the various genres of writing and practical application.
- Students are assessed through chapter tests, spelling tests, essays, quizzes and the completion of homework.

### Math

- Students develop and practice the concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions, as well as measurement, statistical and coordinate graphs, construction of percent and algebraic equations.
- The use of manipulatives, calculators and the integration of computers into projects are encouraged.
- Concepts are applied to real life problems.
- Students are evaluated through class participation, tests, quizzes, projects, and homework.

### Reading/Literature

- Through trade books and age-appropriate novels, students are encouraged to improve their reading skills and develop a love of literature.
- A vocabulary unit, studied approximately each week, enlarges each student's word knowledge.
- Students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, graded projects and homework.

### Religion

- Students study the Catholic Faith using an age-appropriate textbook, *Blest Are We*, to include the Old and New Testaments, the life and parables of Our Lord,

- Jesus Christ, the meaning of Lent and Advent, the lives of Saints and end the year discussing Family Life through an approved text.
- Students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, and projects.

## Science

- Life, Physical, and Earth Science are taught using various teaching methods with an emphasis on a hands-on approach to labs and experiments.
- Topics include parts of a cell, reproduction and heredity, ecosystems and biomes, heat and matter, motion, light, color, sound, weather, earth processes and exploring the universe .
- All students study and learn about the scientific process through our science fair and experiments.
- Students are evaluated through chapter tests, quizzes, lab reports, and homework.

## Social Studies

- Modern World History from the fall of Constantinople in 1453 to the present day, is taught using textbooks, workbooks, maps, globes, and video presentations.
- Taking notes and limited independent computer research are stressed.
- Students are evaluated using chapter tests, quizzes, graded projects, class participation, presentations and homework.

## Spanish Language

- Classes are held twice weekly to introduce the Spanish language and develop skills through listening, speaking, reading and writing activities.
- Vocabulary topics include family members, numbers, colors, weather, telling time, days, months, seasons, holidays and sports.
- Grammar fundamentals include subject pronouns and regular and irregular verb conjugations.
- Students are evaluated through quizzes, oral presentations and projects.