



Grade Six Curriculum 2015-2016

Religion

Faith First: Legacy Edition Grade Six, RCL (2007). Students will review and learn new prayers, study the lives of many saints, learn and practice the Rosary to incorporate into their daily lives. We will examine our faith and Creeds, read Scripture, learn about our Church and as People of God realize that we are to spread the Good News. The study of Sacraments and Liturgy will be discussed and celebrated. We discuss the moral choices we as Catholics must make. We find various ways to set a good example and to love one another. Students are expected to follow the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church so we obey God and attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Besides quizzes and tests students are given a variety of other assessments.

English

Text: McGraw Hill Language Arts Level 6 (2001). In this course, Daily Oral Language is used to visualize, think, edit, correct grammar, usage and sentence structure. This course encourages students to let their imaginations soar and be creative in using the various writing forms. Students also work on types of sentences and parts of speech. Students read and use the Chicago newspapers to identify parts of speech, gather and evaluate information and study writing styles.

Literature

Texts: Discovering Literature by Glencoe/McGraw Hill and Spelling Mc Graw-Hill (1991) and The View from Saturday, E.L.Konigsburg. Through a variety of literary genres including poetry, fiction, drama, non-fiction and short stories, we will cover the following topics: Mysteries, Life Experiences, Heroes, Disasters, Science and Discovery. Development of critical thinking skills and writing of short essays will be emphasized. Study of literary elements of plot, theme, character, and settings are introduced. Book reports will be assigned. Spelling assignments, which build vocabulary development, will be completed weekly.

World History

The World Macmillan, McGraw-Hill (2005). Students will learn about the history, geography and the people of the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. Students will acquire a working knowledge of the ancient cultures and its inhabitants. We will focus on reading skills, different graphic organizers, maps and strategies to understand the major ancient cultures up to the Middle Ages. Students will also use a weekly study world newspaper. Besides quizzes and tests students are given a variety of other assessments.



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Science

Text: SEPUP: ISSUES and Earth Science by Lab-Aids, Inc. (2012). This series explores the area of Earth Science. Students will be using process skills to connect contemporary social issues relating to earth science and technology. Topics to be covered will be plate tectonics, weather and atmosphere, erosion and deposition, and Earth in space. This is an activity-based series that compels students to use higher order thinking to analyze and solve problems.

Math

Text: Mathematics Common Core (Prentice Hall) (Pearson Learning Solutions 2013). Students draw from their knowledge of whole-number multiplication and division as they begin their study of ratios and rates. They see equivalent ratios as deriving from multiplication tables, and analyze drawings that illustrate relative size of quantities to expand their understanding of multiplication and division to ratios. Students extend their work with fraction operations to dividing fractions mixed numbers. They draw on their knowledge of multiplication and division and of fractions to explain both the meaning of and process for dividing fractions. They extend their study of numbers to include all rational numbers, in particular negative rational numbers. Students will begin their study of algebraic expressions. They make use of their understandings of unknowns in expressions and equations to write expressions that match given situations and to evaluate expressions. They undertake a study of statistics and geometric concepts to reason about relationships among shapes as they determine area, surface area, and volume.

Specials: Physical Education, Art, Music, Spanish and Computers.