

Sixth Grade



"My goal is to teach students all about the amazing world God has given to us. I desire to help each child grow to their full potential while sharing my passion for history, the world we live in and my faith." Mr. Wellna, teacher.

RELIGION

Sixth grade religion focuses on the history of the Bible through the use of the **Christ Light** curriculum by NPH and the **Bible**. Study includes:

- ◆ New Testament stories while focusing on the life of Jesus and the gift of salvation

SCIENCE

Earth Science is the focus, using text by **Holt McDougal** called **Science Fusion**. Topics covered include:

- ◆ Rocks and Minerals
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Earthquakes & volcanoes
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ The solar system

In the first trimester students go to Riveredge Nature Center to study the Milwaukee River. As an end of the year field trip we'll either visit Lambeau Field in Green Bay or Miller Park, home of the Milwaukee Brewers.

TECHNOLOGY

Sixth grade is in the first of three years of **Learning with Computers** by **Thompson-Southwestern**. National Education Technology Standards (NETS) are met. Course work includes:

- ◆ Microsoft Excel
- ◆ Microsoft PowerPoint
- ◆ Microsoft Word
- ◆ Internet Safety
- ◆ Web research

SOCIAL STUDIES

In World History and Culture, the goal is for the students to learn about places around the world. We will focus on

- ◆ Geography
- ◆ History
- ◆ Culture
- ◆ Project-based Learning

LANGUAGE ARTS

As our literature, vocabulary, writing, and English grammar studies are taught in a block schedule, students are allowed to make the connections among each of those facets. Our literature instruction is based on a readers' workshop model -- Units of Study -- where specific reading strategies are taught, modeled, and practiced in student-selected literature. This is balanced with whole-class novels, selected from both classics and recently-published works, in order to address varied themes as well as clearly connect responding to writing. Vocabulary, writing, and English grammar are instructed through mentor texts, giving students exposure to the concepts in published literature, allowing for practice, and developing in their own writing.

MATH

St. Paul teaches **Saxon Math** throughout our middle school.

- ◆ Algebraic thinking is embedded throughout the curriculum to build a solid foundation that links arithmetic to algebra
- ◆ Skills and concepts are kept alive through daily practice
- ◆ Math connections are strengthened and made meaningful
- ◆ Content is mastered through small increments and then followed by practice, review and assessment

ART

Students receive instruction in a variety of art mediums and styles. These styles are learned by studying past and present day artists. A sketchbook is used in class to help the students plan and sketch their projects.