

# curriculum overview SIXTH GRADE

equipping students for a life <u>WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND ELOQUENCE</u>

to the Glory of God



# Sixth Grade Curriculum Overview

## **Grammar Level 6**

In the final year of grammar, students will fully grasp all the rules and nuances of the English language that will enable them to craft careful sentences and read complex works with fluency. Furthermore, students will be equipped with mastery over the primary tool of thought that will allow them to process what is read and discussed for years to come with efficiency and ease. Having mastered the use of sentences, the parts of speech, punctuation, and the use of reference materials, students are ready for the rigorous reading and writing demands of the upper school.

## **Composition Level 6**

In sixth-grade composition, students will study expository writing in such a way that it aims at one primary point of assertion by analyzing and supporting the truth of a proverb. Once students are able to convey ideas with clarity and order, they will transition to persuasive writing in which they apply narrative, descriptive, and expository elements to argue a point with textual support and clear reasoning.

## **Literature Level 6**

In sixth-grade literature, students align their reading more with the era in which they are studying in history, particularly focusing on Medieval stories of Beowulf, Don Quixote, and Robin Hood. Students continue making connections between complex events and characters, while growing in their ability to recognize and appreciate the design behind great works of literature.

## Latin Level 6

In the first cycle of Latin language studies, students will appreciate the order of language through study of Latin, gaining insights into their own mother tongue along the way. Students will master essential vocabulary, paradigms, and grammar, as well as reading immersive texts that provide opportunity to acquire Latin naturally. Students will translate, parse, and analyze sentences in order to more deeply comprehend narrative expressed in Latin.

## **Bible Level 6**

In their final year of Bible, students will read the stories and letters of the New Testament, applying the broad knowledge gained from previous years to achieve greater understanding of the details of the primary text of Scripture.



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## History & Geography Level 6

In sixth-grade history, students will continue answering questions regarding causes and results and historical developments. By studying the Medieval world, students will pull together all the many facts and figures of the ancient world and how they all bear unique influence on the culture and ideas of the Middle Ages. Students will master the countries, capitals, and major land and water features of the Asian continent.

## Science Level 6

In sixth-grade science, students will focus on the nature and processes of life. By studying how organisms are composed and classified, students will better understand the functioning of their own bodies, as well as those of other living creatures. Students will use the scientific method and basic lab equipment to observe and pursue discovery.

## Math Level 6

In sixth-grade math, students will finish mastery over basic arithmetic operations and math facts, moving into some basic algebra and geometry. Students will gain exposure to some of the basics they will need to know for the more advanced math of Upper School, while learning some practical math, such as percentages, ratios, and fractions/decimals.

### Art

In lower school art, students learn how to appreciate beautiful works of art, while practicing the rudiments of artistic expression in drawing, painting, and sculpting utilizing a variety of mediums.

### Music

In lower school music, students grow in their appreciation of beautiful works of music, while learning basic music history and theory. Music classes primarily focus on vocal skill development, with occasional instrumental practice. Students perform various vocal pieces at all school events and during morning prayer.

### P.E.

In sixth-grade Physical Education, students will finish mastering the fine and gross motor skills necessary for athletic and academic life. Students will practice taking control over their body by tempering strength, exercising careful balance and coordination, and cooperate with team members in high intensity situations.