

What to expect in 6th grade

Characteristics of 6th grade – transition to middle school with seven class changes, more is expected in personal learning, personal responsibility, and personal organization, management of assignments and homework increases, students become more social focused, and have a heightened sense of curiosity.

6th grade goes to space camp in the spring of the year (March 28-30, 2018). The **approximate** cost for this trip is **\$300 per person**. We will need adult chaperones to participate. A \$100 non-refundable/commitment fee will be due on Friday, September 1, 2017. A letter will be sent home at the start of the school year with more information about this trip.

Homeroom supplies – Please provide two boxes of Kleenex

General supplies for all classes – You may choose to get a three-ring binder for each class or one large three-ring trapper keeper for all classes. A homework folder will be provided for all middle school students.

Organization is Key! Students will need the following items for all classes: blue/black pens, pencils, notebook paper (college ruled) and at least two flash drives. All students will need access to a computer, the internet, and a printer. Please pay attention to specific supplies needed for each class listed below.

Classes – 6th math, ancient history, earth science, language arts literature and vocabulary, language arts writing and grammar, Bible and electives.

Math – This course is intended to provide mastery of number sense including place value, fractions, decimals and percents. Students will be introduced to pre-algebraic concepts, and explore a deeper level of geometry. Students will be guided along to solve real world problems, and better understand how math is used in everyday life.

Specific supplies needed – large spiral notebook with folder inserts (pockets) and one jumbo book cover.

History – Student will explore early world civilizations focusing on social, cultural, economic, political and geographic areas.

Specific supplies needed – colored pencils and a 2-pocket folder.

Literature – In this course, students will be studying concepts of critical reading and be introduced to a variety of literary devices. Students will also explore different genres and literary styles within the following works: *Golden Goblet, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, The Westing Game, The Light in the forest, My Brother, Sister, and I, Single Shard, Bronze Bow, Gifted Hands, Roman Conspiracy, Devil's Arithmetic, Sent, and Incredible Journey.*

Students will respond to literature through various writing and blogging. Students will improve vocabulary and critical thinking skills as they prepare for SAT's.

Specific supplies needed – choice of colored pen for grading and editing, five pack of Post-It Notes (per semester), and students will need regular access to a computer, the internet, and a printer.

Grammar and Writing - This course is designed to enhance students' grammar and writing skills. Students will be able to identify various grammar rules, gain a clear understanding of grammar usage, and compose an assortment of writing assignments, including essays and research papers.

Specific Supplies needed – college-ruled spiral notebook, large folder for handouts, colored pencils, choice of colored pen for grading, 2 highlighters (different colors). Students will need regular access to a computer, the internet, and a printer.

Science – the focus of 6th grade science is earth science and covers a myriad of topics including: Meteorology, astronomy, plate tectonics, and water systems. Students learn about our solar system and space exploration, culminating with a three-day trip to the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Students are required to write a research report about an approved astronomy topic. Students also delve in to the scientific method with in-class experiments and labs, and will conduct an at home science experiment.

Specific supplies needed – black and white composition notebook and colored pencils.

Bible – Walking with God and His People (Christian Schools International) is the curriculum used in 6th grade. This curriculum focuses on the following units: Colossians, The Setting of God's Story, Later Judean Ministry, Triumphal Entry through Passover, Jesus' Death, Jesus' Resurrection, Pentecost, Paul's First Missionary Journey, Letters to Churches and Revelation.