

RELIGION

The CPH *One In Christ* curriculum is used for religion instruction. A general overview of each book of the Bible offers students the opportunity to grow in God's grace. Within the context of these lessons, students are taught key concepts of faith such as Law and Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace and are encouraged to put these concepts into action in their lives. Through a planned memory program, students learn selected Scripture verses, and portions of the Catechism. Students also learn the value of developing strong relationships and conflict-resolution skills in Friendship Class.

LANGUAGE ARTS

English

The structure of language is developed by learning parts of speech and a variety of sentence structures. A comprehensive writing curriculum provides systematic models for writing and numerous opportunities for students to write in a variety of types. Presentations of speeches, reports, and drama provide oral speaking and listening experiences.

Literature

Literary analysis, vocabulary development, and use of comprehension and reading strategies give opportunity for sixth graders to continue developing reading skills. Novels for children and a literature anthology provide a variety of literature reflecting a wide spectrum of genre covering broad areas for the sixth graders interest levels.

Spelling

Sixth graders are led to see spelling patterns as they build on basic word roots using affixes and word endings. Taught syllabication, vowel relationships and consonant relationships,

students learn to spell in their regular daily work. Dictionary, thesaurus, and critical reading vocabulary are used to strengthen spelling skills.

MATH

The sixth grade level of math provides theory, practice, and application of mathematical principles. The following topics are explored: algebraic and numerical expressions, properties of addition and multiplication, equations using the four processes (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division), interpreting tables and graphs, number systems (including fractions, decimals, rational numbers, and integers), ratios and rates, geometry, and statistics. Problem solving is an integral part of the Big Ideas curriculum and are discussed, practiced, and applied in a variety of formats. Hands-on activities and projects may be utilized throughout the course to reinforce and apply ideas learned in sixth grade math.

SCIENCE

The sixth grade science curriculum provides opportunities for students to explore the wonders of God's creation specifically focused in the area of Earth science. They do this primarily through hands-on activities: models, experiments, demonstrations, and exploration activities combined with information from their texts and other resources. The topics of study include Earth's minerals and rocks, energy, the Earth's crust, soils, weathering and erosion, oceanography, and weather.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The emphasis of sixth grade Social Studies is the Western Hemisphere. This includes North, Central, and South America, the Caribbean, and Europe. Each of the 12 chapters we will cover takes a deeper look into one of these regions. Chapters are comprised of three lessons. The first lesson covers the geography, both man-made and God-created of the area. The second lesson deals with the history of the region. Finally, we cover the culture and lives today of the people.

Assessment is provided in many ways including traditional tests and quizzes, and non-traditional projects such as iMovie presentations and podcasts. Homework including short writing projects, Social Studies skills (current events, economics, reading charts and graphs), and artwork should also be expected. With the understanding of the world around them our students will mature into good citizens with a sense of appreciation for all of God's children around the world.

ART

Sixth graders have a desire to be creative. Allowing for individual abilities, basic elements of artistic expression grow as they study and use design, color, drawing, painting, and sculpting. Both two and three dimensional projects are emphasized as well as a variety of craft-type projects that enhance sixth grade creativity.

BAND

Building on the skills and concepts previously learned, 6th grade band students gain deeper musical understanding through the study of theory and performance. Emphasis is placed on tone quality, musical interpretation, and ensemble playing.

The students are exposed to new musical styles and increasingly-challenging literature 6th grade students play at the fall and spring concerts and are offered the opportunity to perform a solo or small ensemble piece at the annual Lutheran Music Festival.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Middle School Choir is for those sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who enjoy singing and are interested in learning vocal skills. The main goal of the choir is to give glory to God through singing together while providing musical enjoyment and growth in vocal technique. Middle School Choir is a performing group, singing as scheduled at church services, parish music concerts, school concerts, and the Saginaw Valley Music Festival.

GERMAN

Activities this year will expand upon concepts learned in previous grades with the goal of encouraging students to continue their study of German. Specific units of study include train travel, German songs and music, dining, and the beginning chapter(s) of “Komm Mit!” Students develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills while participating in group and individual projects, music, and activities corresponding to the textbook. Cultural aspects are also learned in each unit.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Locomotor skills and object control can still be in a developing stage at these grade levels but is focused on how they can be used in various sports and activities. Refining of these skills is still occurring. Emphasis is on learning and developing specific skills for specific sports. The concept of team and team sports is used extensively. Introduction to rules of the various sports occurs at these

grade levels. Physical fitness continues with building strength and endurance to a higher level and adding to that power. Fitness as a lifelong pursuit is stressed. Social and personal skills that are worked on are leadership and cooperation, sports etiquette and fair play, dealing with winning and losing, individual and property respect, tact, perseverance, and best effort.

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