



Sixth Grade Class Overview

Teacher: Mr. Tim Morrison

Bible

Curriculum: ACSI

Goals for the sixth grade are:

- A New Testament survey with emphasis on popular passages
- Biblical application ideas for all areas of life
- Personalized Bible study
- Decision making goals and suggestions as they enter their teen years
- Focus on Christ Jesus as the only answer to our sin problem

Many other Bible applications and discussions arise in their daily work, as the Holy Spirit brings them to light. The instruction in Bible is also integrated through many lessons in most subject areas as the truths of Scripture relate to the subject at hand. The class also writes and performs plays and dramas based on passages of Scripture throughout the year. There is special emphasis to make sure the Bible curriculum is applied to our daily lives.

Reading

Curriculum: Houghton Mifflin

Reading instruction emphasizes comprehension techniques, vocabulary building, literature skills, writing and language practice, as well as reference material lessons. The units focus on comprehension work and give many examples of how students can understand the material in the text. In addition to an excellent workbook, other resources are utilized in the series, such as the internet and reference materials. The Bible is also a major part of daily reading work. Its uniqueness in the world as God's Word is emphasized often, and is utilized accordingly. Students also read two novels together. The first, *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*, is historical fiction about a young man who learns to appreciate mathematics as he grows up on a 19th century sailing vessel. The second, *Nate Saint*, narrates the life of missionary martyr Nate Saint who, along with five others, gave his life to further the gospel in South America.

Spelling & Vocabulary

Curriculum: ACSI

Spelling & Vocabulary instruction emphasizes integrating words with Scripture. Communication and clarity are its focal point. ACSI curriculum is heavily research based, and has proven to be extremely popular and effective at enhancing the written word. In addition to this curriculum, supplemental vocabulary words from novels and high frequency words are listed on some spelling tests throughout the year. Each student uses his/her own workbook.

Science

Curriculum: Bob Jones

This program of study covers the natural sciences including units on geology, space, the animal kingdom, and the human body. The human body unit is extensive, and is taught with many hands-on lessons and experiments. The geology unit is taught from a young earth perspective, according to Genesis chapter one.

Social Studies

Curriculum: *Heritage Studies for Christian Schools* by Bob Jones

The curriculum covers ancient history up to the Middle Ages. Specific studies include: Ancient Egypt, Ancient Israel, Ancient China and India, Greece, Rome, Mayans, and the Middle East during the middle ages. Each student has her/his own worksheets. Integrated within some units are the science discoveries that occurred during the specific period discussed. Many details surround main ideas and give students interesting facts and pictures to help bring the material to life.

Mathematics

Curriculum: Houghton Mifflin Mathematics

Mathematics is viewed as one of the most powerful ways of discovering the world God made, as commanded of us in Genesis 1:28. Units cover the following concepts: decimals, statistics, number theory, fractions, integers, equations (beginning algebra), ratios, percents, geometry, measurement, and probability. Students are introduced to problem solving and many word problems are given to make language an integral part of the mathematics experience. Hands-on work is given by the instructor to ensure memorization and enhance mathematical abilities. These lessons include measurement of volume, space, time, length, and mass. Students also are introduced to many different kinds of tools used in scientific and medical research.

Music

Sixth graders have music twice a week, three times a week in November and December. The program combines excellent instruction in music theory, Christian music, historical/classic music, and singing performance. Students also perform in teams of six each Wednesday for the elementary chapel. Each student has the opportunity to sing or play an instrument in these chapel sessions. Music appreciation lessons occur once a quarter and include a talent show. All of this is done in the context of using this unique gift to bless and edify others as we honor and glorify the Lord. Students perform for both Christmas and Spring concerts.

Band

Sixth graders at Bethany Academy participate in band class three times a week. Curriculum and music titles cover: classic melodies, holiday related songs, hymn variations, and contemporary music. Students also participate in weekly chapels with the opportunity to solo. Two band concerts are also given, Christmas and Spring. Instruments have included the harp, kettledrums, fife, many brass instruments, violins and violas, and percussion section instruments.

Physical Education

God has created us with unique abilities and talents, and He expects us to maximize these with practice and patience. With this in mind, students participate in physical education twice a week, plus recess time in the gym each day. The curriculum features skills units, fitness emphasis instruction, and team sports. Students participate in both individual skill practice and teamwork exercises. Concepts important in a healthy body are covered and emphasized. Bethany Academy has been blessed with a full-sized gymnasium with an impact absorbing, high quality wood floor. This new gym allows students to not only experience a top-quality athletic facility, but greatly lessens the chances of injury, including shin splints and other hard surface, impact-caused injuries.

Art

Art in sixth grade occurs every two weeks, with special assignments occurring around Christmas, Easter, and birthdays. Curriculum comes from many sources including Feed My Sheep. Units include color theory, sculpting, one and two point perspectives, line studies, shading, painting, large group projects, and creative projects done on their own. The sixth graders also work with guest artists, helping them see the value of excellence and technical skill.

Library

The library program fosters the love of reading and books. Students encounter a wide variety of literature in weekly library classes that promote library skills and stewardship.

Field Trips

Many field trips are taken in sixth grade. We go to the Science Museum, Buck Hill Ski Area, Minneapolis Orchestra Hall, and other sites as timeliness and wisdom suggest. Parents accompany the students as availability and need require.