

## SIXTH GRADE

### Core Classes

- Bible
  - We are committed to the study of God's Word in all our subjects and its application to our lives as the foundation for living a joyful, victorious Christian life. Daily Bible class is an important part of spiritual development at FCS. We ultimately desire that every student discover and strengthen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and develop a biblical worldview.
  - At the sixth grade level, students participate in a survey of the Old Testament and discover the themes and characters of the Old Testament.
  - All parents are welcome to attend our weekly chapels for worship and sharing about God's Word and its application to our lives.
- Language Arts
  - Students thoroughly study the structure of sentences including parts of speech, types of sentences, vocabulary, grammar, usage and mechanics. Opportunities are given regularly to write about a variety of topics and improve students' ability to communicate with words. Effective paragraph writing and research skills are emphasized and often integrated with other subject areas.
  - A variety of literature is read and utilized to develop increased literacy, comprehension and critical thinking skills. The sixth grade studies literary concepts through novels such as *Tuck Everlasting*, *The Bronze Bow*, and *A Christmas Carol* as well as various short stories and poetry.
  - Spelling and vocabulary development are integrated with the study of literature. Greek and Latin roots and their application to word spellings and meanings are studied in sixth and seventh grades. Basic MLA Format is taught consistently in various subjects.
- History
  - During the middle school years students embark on a chronological study of history in order to recognize God's providence and sovereignty in world events. Students begin with ancient world history in sixth grade. Geography concepts and current events are integrated throughout the year.
- Science
  - Students explore a variety of topics from the life, earth and physical sciences. Creation is taught in accordance with the account in Genesis, and other issues in science are studied in light of biblical principles. Hands-on learning opportunities and emphasis on the scientific method are a regular part of science class.
- Mathematics
  - The study of mathematics provides unique opportunities to learn about God's orderliness, precision, unchangeableness and absolute truthfulness. Emphasis is placed in several key strands: number sense, patterns, algebraic thinking, decimal operations, fractions, data analysis and probability, integers, equations, ratios and proportions, percent, and geometry.

## Extracurricular

- Physical Education
  - Students attend Physical Education on a rotation basis during the year. They learn to appreciate the amazing abilities of the human body and are taught the importance of care of the body. Students also learn and practice skills in a variety of team, individual and lifetime sports.
- Band and Orchestra
  - The main emphasis of the instrumental program at FCS is to provide a medium through which musicianship and social skills can be formed through a well-rounded music education. This full-year class encompasses a basic knowledge of music history and music theory in addition to technical and expressive skill in the student's respective instrument. Students may participate in band or orchestra. Concert performances, competitive festivals and other opportunities to share and grow in musical ability are experienced throughout the year.
- Art
  - Students attend art class for a portion of the year and explore the foundational elements of line, shape, space, texture and color. An annual Visual Arts Celebration highlights each student's artwork.
- Choir
  - Choir for middle school students is an opportunity to develop their musical talents and honor the Lord by sharing them with others. Students in choir meet every day to explore basic techniques of singing and vocal production, expand their score reading skills and understanding of musical elements, develop personal vocal range, tone, control and listening skills, and perform a variety of types of music. The choir performs concerts, competes in festivals and sings in other venues during the year.
- Computer Class
  - Students attend computer class for a portion of the year and use a variety of programs to complete projects in technology basics, digital citizenship, presentations, and word processing. Students also continue keyboarding which includes learning correct fingering and daily practice to improve proficiency.