

# 6TH GRADE CURRICULUM GUIDE



## WE CHALLENGE & INSPIRE

<i>Bible</i>	Using Summit Ministries' Walking in Truth curriculum, students examine their Christian worldview by answering "big questions" about God, the universe, human beings, truth, and morality. The Bible survey component focuses on the book of Acts. Each week our K4-6th graders memorize Scripture or a Gospel Foundation (question/answer) and learn how to apply that truth to their lives. Since all students in the lower school have the same memory work, it allows our families to learn and grow together as they memorize.
<i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	Students deepen their mastery of reading and writing as they study the intricacies of the English language. Class novels and Literature Circles form the basis for critical analysis of story elements and themes. Various modes of communication are explored in depth as students compose essays and write letters and emails. The year is completed with the development and delivery of a speech as part of the 4-H Public Speaking Contest.
<i>Writing</i>	Students will continue to improve in the three forms of writing using the four steps writing process of planning, revising, editing, and finalizing a written draft. Narrative writing will include personal and fictional structures that include dialogue, elaboration, and transitional words. Argumentative writing will be written with a clear claim and supported with at least three reasons from multiple sources. Expository writing will include a main idea with organizational structure, relevant elaboration, and varied transitions. Students will be proficient in presenting information both written and orally including basic writing and grammar skills within a five-paragraph structure. Oral presentations are in a logical sequence, using non-verbal cues, appropriate volume, clear pronunciation, and appropriate pacing. In addition, students will write lower and uppercase letters in cursive.
<i>Math</i>	Using interactive games, digital resources, and hands-on activities students can explore mathematical concepts. Sixth graders are encouraged to take ownership of their learning through daily instruction using small groups, whole group, and independent discovery.

<i>Science</i>	In Earth Science students focus on the intricate patterns and cycles that God has woven into our Earth as well as our place in the solar system. Hands-on labs, activities, and lab reports are used regularly to deepen understanding and encourage critical thinking.
<i>History</i>	Students discover many ancient civilizations through Biblical, geographical, and historical lenses. Technology, hands-on learning, and critical thinking are key aspects of our daily routine.
<i>Technology</i>	Technology resources are used to enhance learning and equip students for use and management of electronic devices regarding education and beyond. As an Apple certified school, each student is assigned their own iPad that they can take home to enhance the learning experience for all students. Students learn how to organize and manage their learning by utilizing a digital planner and through programs such as Canvas, RenWeb, and Notability. Promethean boards in each classroom foster further engagement.
<i>Fostering a Faith that Sticks</i>	Our students not only learn the Bible but apply it to their lives to be the hands and feet of Jesus, with the goal of equipping students to transform the world for Christ and His Kingdom. 6th graders begin each day with a devotional discussion in their homerooms to allow students to develop and deepen an authentic faith. Students are mentored in the process of self-reflection through a Biblical worldview and are supported as they grow in their relationship with God and His purpose for their lives.
<i>We Lead</i>	6th graders are the campus leaders at the Lower School and are provided with opportunities to participate in National Elementary Honor Society and serve our younger grade levels, Community Cares elective, and Safety Patrol. They begin to take ownership of their faith by leading their grade-level chapels. Our annual Serve Day inspires students to be servant leaders off campus in the local community by partnering with Orlando Children’s Church.
<b>THE HEARTBEAT OF 6TH GRADE</b>	The year begins with a retreat for team building activities and faith-deepening discussions to help students develop a bond that will last throughout the school year. They participate in many incredible experiences such as visits to Upper Campus for middle school Chapels, shadow days, and pep rallies. They also have a student-created “Wax Museum”, a visit to Kennedy Space Center, and an overnight trip to the Everglades. The year concludes with the Moving Up Ceremony and celebration along with a car parade to the Upper Campus at the end of their last day at the Lower Campus.