



Academic Overview – 6th Grade

Bible: The book of Proverbs is the main study in the 6th grade curriculum "Wise Up" as students learn to discern God's ways versus man's ways. A consumable text is used to guide students through concepts and supporting scriptures in order to be prepared for a quiz each week. Students are also assigned a scripture memory verse each week with a whole Passage Test once per scripture passage.

Textbook: *Wise Up*, Positive Action in Christ.

Language Arts

Writing: Students explore grammar and composition in 6th grade in several ways. They will uncover the building blocks of grammar through guided instruction and application of essential grammar principles. They will explore parts of speech, diagramming, punctuation, capitalization and subject-verb agreement. In addition, students pursue a major writing assignment every quarter, including memoir, multi-media book reports and research projects. They use the writing workshop method, including editing and revising each other's writing through multiple drafts.

Textbook: *Language Arts - A Father's Promise*. BJU.

God's Gift of Language. Abeka

Reading: Students will appreciate all components of language from a Christian worldview. They will deepen their ability to comprehend and critique a wide variety of literature through assigned and independent reading and extensive class discussion. Reading response, drama and journaling enhance students' engagement with literature. Cultivating a lifelong love for literature is a key goal of the program.

Novels: *The Sign of the Beaver*, *A Long Walk to Water*, *Fever 1793*, and *A Father's Promise*

Textbook: *Reading 6*. BJU.

Spelling: Students will review spelling patterns and frequently used words. Vocabulary enrichment activities and assignments will enhance their written and oral expression.

Textbook: *Spelling 6*. Abeka.

Math 6A: Students continue to build on previous knowledge and practice of multiplying and dividing decimals and fractions, ratios, rates and percents. Students are introduced to algebraic expressions, algebraic equations, inequalities and functions. Lastly, students will be able learning to analyze data and graphs. Students practice these concepts and skills as a class, in group or partner work, with games or projects and with individual white boards.

Textbook: *Math Connects, Course 1*. Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 2012.

Math 6B: Students will continue their study of operations involving rational numbers. They will be introduced to integers and operations involving positive and negative numbers as well as solving algebraic equations and inequalities. Students will use proportional reasoning as well as understand probability. They will practice working with geometric figures and will be able to calculate both area and

volume. Students practice these concepts and skills individually and in groups using games, projects, white boards and practice materials.

Textbook: *Math Connects, Course 2*. Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 2012.

Science: Students are introduced to the three main branches of science through reading, powerpoints, labs, and simple research. Emphasis is on organization in the science notebook and communicating information in both written and verbal form. Many hands-on activities reinforce concepts including the introduction to lab work and the scientific method.

Textbook: *Science 6*. 3rd Edition, BJU

Social Studies: Students will develop their knowledge of our country's founding through the decades preceding the Civil War. They will learn to see God's providence through the founding and growth of the United States. They will also gain a basic understanding of the role and function of the Constitution and the roles of the various branches of government. They will use individual study, group work, and various puzzles, projects, and activities.

Textbook: *The American Republic*. 4th Edition, BJU

Spanish: Students in 6th and 7th grade will be learning Spanish using the TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) teaching methodology, which is also known as the natural approach. Much like we learn our first language, students will focus on learning memorized structures through stories and repetition. A focus on grammar will begin in the Spanish I curriculum. Sixth grade is the first part of a two year program.

Textbook: *iCuentame mas!*. TPRS Publishing, Inc.

Enrichment Classes: Music (chorus, chimes, and handbells), Technology, Art, P.E.

Electives: Art, Band, Creative Writing, Drama, Guitar, Sports Club, Technology, Worship Team

Additional Activities and Field Trips:

- Spring Field Trip to Richmond
- ACSI Regional Competitions: Spelling Bee, Math Olympics, Creative Writing Festival, ACSI Music Festival, Kings Dominion Music Festival
- Science Fair
- Middle School Retreat