



SIXTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN SIXTH GRADE **LITERACY ESSENTIALS** our students will:

- write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- continue to master English grammar by sentence diagramming and other exercises
- Identify and write with participial, gerund, and infinitive phrases
- begin to work on developing their own style and voice in their writing

IN SIXTH GRADE **LITERATURE** our students will read or listen to:

- novels such as *The Prince and The Pauper* and *The Count of Monte Cristo*
- poems such as "All the World's a Stage" by Shakespeare and "The Raven" by Poe
- Classical myths such as "Apollo and Daphne," "Narcissus and Echo," and "Cupid and Psyche"
- stories from Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*

IN SIXTH GRADE **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- learn important dates of ancient Greece and Rome from the fall of Troy to the sack of Rome
- understand the lasting ideas of Judaism and Christianity for Western civilization
- discuss the lasting ideas of Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations
- study the scientific and philosophical ideas of the Enlightenment
- study the French Revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte, and the First French Empire

IN SIXTH GRADE **LATIN** our students will:

- begin the formal study of the Latin language using *Lingua Latina* and Wheelock's Latin
- learn to read, parse, diagram, and translate simple Latin sentences
- understand why they are studying Latin, along with Latin's origins and uses in history

IN SIXTH GRADE **MATH** our students will:

- add, subtract, multiply, and divide positive and negative numbers
- write and evaluate algebraic expressions
- find the surface area of plane figures and the volume of rectangular prisms
- compare numerical data and measures of variability

IN SIXTH GRADE **SCIENCE** our students will:

- study plate tectonics, the layered structure of the earth, volcanoes, and earthquakes
- understand the six forms of energy: mechanical, heat, electrical, wave, chemical, nuclear
- conduct experiments with changing states of matter including condensation and distillation
- study the human circulatory, lymphatic, and immune systems

IN SIXTH GRADE **ART** our students will:

- draw a human in proportion, a landscape using one-point perspective, and a still life
- design a Gothic-style cathedral with flying buttresses, groin vaulting, and stained glass
- study an overview of art history from Ancient Greece to the Realism of the 19th century

IN SIXTH GRADE **MUSIC** our students will:

- recognize frequently used Italian art terms such as *adagio*, *crescendo*, *legato*, *allegro*, etc.
- identify by ear chords such as tonic, subdominant, and dominant
- sing choral arrangements as part of the sixth grade chorus

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IN SIXTH GRADE our students read:

The Prince and the Pauper
The Scarlet Pimpernel
The Count of Monte Cristo
Children's Homer

"Apollo and Daphne"

"Narcissus and Echo"

"Orpheus and Eurydice"

Poems by Langston Hughes

Poems by William Shakespeare

Poems by James Weldon Johnson

Poems by Emily Dickinson

IN SIXTH GRADE our students memorize:

"All the world's a stage"

"The Destruction of Sennacherib"

"If" by Rudyard Kipling

"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy
Evening"

"There is No Frigate Like a Book"