

# SIXTH GRADE

CULTIVATING WISDOM, VIRTUE AND GODLINESS

## THE TRIVIUM

The three parts of the Trivium are:

Grammar – memorizing the basic facts of a subject

Logic – understanding the relationship of those facts to each other

Rhetoric – knowing how to effectively communicate this knowledge

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum during the elementary years works to apply the Trivium of grammar, logic and rhetoric in age-appropriate ways. Our elementary curriculum concentrates on the development of memory and language skills while teaching all subjects. Students in the elementary grades study English, Latin, the Bible, history/ geography, science, mathematics, and literature.

All students also participate in classes in art, music and P.E. throughout their elementary years. We consider these areas of study as critical to the development of the whole person.



## WELCOME TO SIXTH GRADE!

Sixth grade students learn independence and organization as they get ready for their transition into secondary school. They learn fractions, decimals and percentages in math and the human digestive system in science. The class works on a digestive system project to showcase at Grandparents Day and the Science Fair in the spring. The class learns about the middle ages and Renaissance with an Elizabethan Feast at the end of the year. The highlight of the year is a week at outdoor school at Camp Westwind on the Oregon Coast. Other trips include a heart lab at George Fox University and an ear & ear lab at Pacific University.



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## ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

8:30

School begins

10:00-10:15

Recess

11:30-12:15

Lunch & Recess

2:45

School Ends

Each week, elementary students will also participate in:

P.E. Classes— 30 minutes, twice weekly

Music Classes— 30 minutes, twice weekly

Art Class— 1 hour, once a week

Elementary Assemblies take place throughout the year on Fridays at 8:30 am.

## SIXTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

**READING:** *The Last Battle*, *The Hiding Place*, *Scarlet Pimpernel*

**MATH:** fractions, decimals, percentages

**SCIENCE:** human anatomy with a digestive system project

**HISTORY:** Middle Ages and the Renaissance with an Elizabethan Feast event

**FIELD TRIPS:** OMSI, Westwind Outdoor School, heart lab, eye & ear labs

**ART:** Kindergarten through 4th grade students learn basic art techniques, vocabulary, and color theory. At the 3rd through 4th grade stage, students delve a little deeper in the study of artists as they copy master works, or create their own designs as they are inspired by viewing teacher demonstrations and master works.

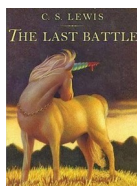
**MUSIC:** Students have music classes twice a week, where they learn various rhythmic elements, Sol-fa, major and minor scales, chords and more. All students perform with their class at our Christmas and Spring concerts. 6th grade students can also participate in our Chamber Singers Choir.

**PE:** The goal of K-6th grade PE is to impart the importance of maintaining a healthy body for the glory of God and developing a desire for lifelong fitness. Each class emphasizes respecting differing abilities, showing kindness to others, and trying one's best rather than striving to be the best. Monthly PE units include soccer, baseball, jump rope, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, floor hockey, juggling, and stacking cups.

**EXTRACURRICULARS:** Students can participate in Cross Country, Veritas Classical League, Garden Club, After-School Art, Guitar Lessons, Chess Club and more

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Parents have the opportunity to sit down with their student's teachers in November and February.

## SIXTH GRADE LITERATURE READING LIST



The Last Battle  
C.S. Lewis



The Hiding Place  
Corrie Ten Boom



The Scarlet Pimpernel  
Baroness Orczy