

6th Grade Learning Objectives

Language Arts

The Literature of Language, copyright 2006 by McDougal Littell Inc., provides high quality classic and contemporary literature selections, supported by skills instruction and practice in grammar and writing. Students learn literary concepts and active reading strategies that are reinforced with many follow-up activities that provide an opportunity for real-life connections. Students will experience an international survey of authors and a balanced blend of diverse genre and literary terms. Assessment will include objective tests, literary analysis, writing skills, and integrated assessment of knowledge as students work on projects that bridge literary learning to social studies, science, math, or the arts.

Mathematics

6th Grade content will include Operations and Properties, Intro to Algebra, Decimals, Number Theory and Fractions, Fraction Operations, Data Collection and Analysis, Proportional Relationships, Measurement and Geometry, Integers and the Coordinate Plane, and Functions. Our text is *Holt McDougal Mathematics Grade 6*, copyright 2012 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Learning will occur in teacher-guided lessons, group collaboration, individual problem solving, hands-on investigations, and technology labs for deeper understanding. We will be reading about math and writing about math to help students learn to communicate precisely using mathematical language and to effectively explain their own math reasoning, while they learn to understand the reasoning of others. Assessment will be frequent and will prescribe learning interventions when needed. Each lesson will have a quiz and each chapter will have a test. Homework will provide practice on daily skills as students work toward mastery. Periodic performance assessment will provide individuals and groups an opportunity to connect their mathematical reasoning to real-world problem solving situations. Chapter projects will also be an assessment resource.

Religion

6th graders will examine the person of Jesus as they study the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Students will work in cooperative groups to lead the class in their research, providing background information and real-life connections to spur discussion. Students will look for opportunities to bridge their learning with service to the community. As students lead worship, prayer, and Bible study they will recognize the grace that God has for his people through Jesus, and learn how the Holy Spirit equips, strengthens, and guides us in new

life. Our text will be *The Holy Bible* and *Voyages: Exploring God's Word*, copyright 2002 by Concordia Publishing House.

Science

Our units of study are *Space Science; Matter and Energy; Motion, Forces, and Energy*; and *Sound and Light*. The activity room will serve as our laboratory for hands-on experiments, while the classroom will be our virtual lab, using our iPads to dive into some interactive virtual physics labs. Assessment will include lesson quizzes, unit tests, performance-based assessment, and review of critical thinking skills. All of these assessments may be administered using technology or paper and pencil. The differentiated lessons will benefit all styles of learners.

Social Studies

World history will focus on early cradles of civilization from the time of hunters and gatherers, and their impact on future dynasties. Students will have opportunities to work in cooperative groups to research people, places, and varieties of significant contributions that ancient civilizations have made in our world. Through project-based learning students will be expected to gain a better knowledge of the geography of the world and how that geography influenced the civilizations that thrived

Middle School Electives

Art

Students will focus on developing skills in drawing, painting, sculpture, and collage by studying the styles of famous artists. Elements and principles of design will be emphasized in each project. Students will have the opportunity to experiment and refine skills using a variety of art media.

Handbells

Handbells is open to any 6th, 7th, and/or 8th grade students with an interest in instrumental music. The course calls upon students to learn proper handbell ringing technique, build a basic understanding of musical theory, increase sight-reading skills, develop rhythm, and perform a variety of musical styles and genre. Students will be required to participate in all scheduled performances that occur inside and outside of the regularly scheduled school day. Class size is limited. Returning and experienced ringers will be given preference. New players will be gladly accepted and the ability to read music is not required. A variety of musical selections, as chosen by the instructor and as suggested by the ringers, will be used.

Spanish

The Trinity Lutheran Middle School Spanish program's main goal is to provide students with meaningful and enjoyable opportunities to hear and use Spanish. The textbook, "Como te va?" is used and students are introduced to many simple yet realistic communicative topics to get them speaking Spanish immediately. Each lesson will include a segment on the different cultures from Spanish speaking countries from around the world. Methods used to keep students motivated, enthusiastic and engaged include songs, games, visual aids, crafts, projects, skits, and making food. Students will be speaking, reading, writing, and listening to Spanish every time they come to class.

Fine Arts

The Middle School Fine Arts program emphasizes the idea of working hard as a team and competing in a Christ-like manner. With performances throughout the year and competitions like LEST (Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament), our middle school students are able to put these ideas in action. Students are given the opportunity to choose which classes they would like to take or which ensemble they would like to be in. Between the music ensembles, drama opportunities, and other classes, there is something for every student that walks through Trinity's doors. In all the arts, Trinity's program strives to be pleasing to God and teaches our students to share the gifts He has given to the school, church, and to the community of Bend.