



Getting Ready for Middle School 2024-2025 School Year

What's New about Middle School?

- Changing classes and adapting to different teachers
- Staying organized and becoming more responsible
- Developing greater independence
- Learning to manage their time

Staying Organized

- The 6th grade homeroom teacher helps students write down daily assignments in planners
- Core teachers email homework for the week on Mondays or post assignments on google classroom.
- Parents check FACTS to keep up with student grades.

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For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

CHAPEL
Rivera
Romans 12:3
farewell to Manzanar

Sober judgment

25 MONDAY	26 TUESDAY	27 WEDNESDAY
BIBLE/RELIGION study prayer journal by Friday the 27th + quiz? + Memory verse ✓		
MATH Study, & finish /turn in homework by tomorrow ✓	study for quiz on Friday May 13th + finish homework by tomorrow ✓	→ & finish homework by ✓ tomorrow
SOCIAL STUDIES Study, & turn in activity manual by tomorrow ✓	study ✓	study ✓
SCIENCE Study, research for science fair projects to do data Graph / table by Monday May 9th		→ & do display board due Wednesday the 11th ✓
ENGLISH Study for farewell to MANZANAR test on Wednesday - Thursday & take som INT Note book (open note)	→ & finish grammar work sheet by tomorrow ✓	study for "essay" part of Farewell to Manzanar test ✓
personal finance theory study, practice ✓	→ ✓	→
study ✓	→ ✓	→
other stray kids concert tickets 3:00pm ✓	bring chopsticks tomorrow ✓	Mrs. Anderson + Mrs. Yoshimoto are leaving tomorrow

Parent Signature

SCRIPTURE MEMORY/TESTS AND PROJECTS
farewell to Manzanar test on ~~Wednesday~~ the 11th + Thursday the 12th - Mrs. Anderson
Data Graph / Table due Monday May 9th - science / Mr. Shook Iowa state English ✓
Memory verse Quiz on Friday the 27th - Bible / Ms. Canay test all next week
Prayer journal due by Friday the 27th - Bible / Ms. Canay science fair display
Medieval times field trip on May 12th board due May 9th - Mr. Shook
science fair on Wednesday the 11th - Mr. Shook
Math quiz on Friday May 13th - Mrs. Yoshimoto

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bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
Colossians 3:13

28 THURSDAY	29 FRIDAY	PRAYER REQUESTS
BIBLE/RELIGION study for memory verse Quiz tomorrow + turn in prayer journal by tomorrow	study ✓	
MATH Study for quiz on Friday May 13th ✓ do extra credit, review pre-algebra google classroom & finish homework by tomorrow	study ✓	
SOCIAL STUDIES study ✓ for Iowa test	study	
SCIENCE study, research science ✓ Fair project & do data graph / table by Monday May 9th	study	NOTES/EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ENGLISH Study for Iowa test + ✓ Farewell to Manzanar essay test	study ✓	
personal finance theory study, practice ✓	study, practice ✓	
study ✓	study ✓	
other Basketball game country day ✓ bring Jersey ✓	next week is Iowa test week ✓	
Parent Signature study for Iowa test		
30 SATURDAY	MAY SUNDAY	
Eric's	The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. Psalm 145:13 Church	

APR 2022
GROWING: in Thought

GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE. BELIEVE HIM. Jeremiah 29:11

Planners are distributed the first day of school.
\$60 for supply fee, etext and GoGuardian

Workload

- Approximately from 30 min to 1 hour of homework Monday through Thursday.
- This may vary when long-term projects are due.
- No weekend homework is assigned but some projects may require attention over a weekend.

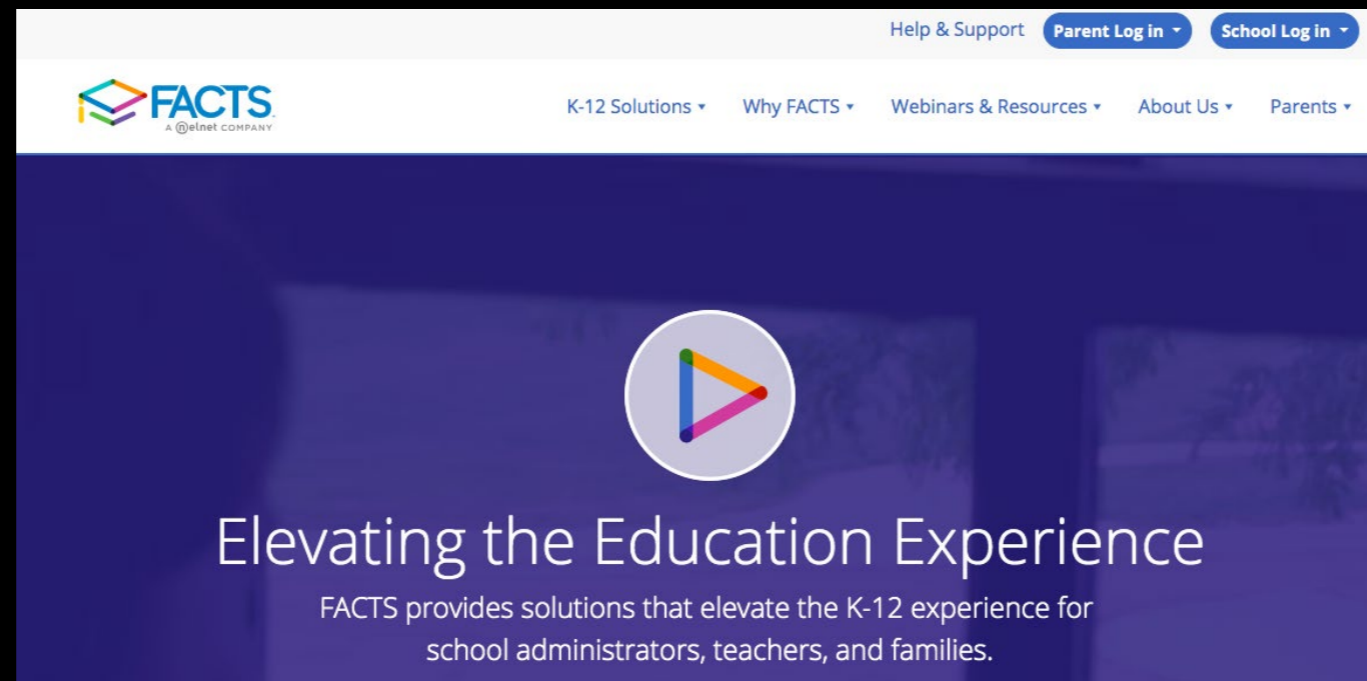
Ideas for Developing Independence

- Encourage your child to communicate directly with the teacher for day-to-day questions, such as scheduling a make-up test, submission questions, etc.
- Parents contact the teacher if it is a serious matter, such as personal conflicts, philosophical concerns, content/pacing questions, etc.

The First Semester: Stay Involved!

- Expect the first few months of school to be a period of adjustment.
- Make sure your child is completing homework and is clear about deadlines.
- Regularly check binder for stray papers/ missing work
- Give reminders. Do you have all your homework in your backpack? Are your PE clothes ready? Do you have your lunch? Do you have a book to read if you finish assignments early?

FACTS



- Parents will receive a username and password at the beginning of the year via email (if new parents)
- Encourage your child to take ownership of grades.

After the First Semester. . .

- Make a conscious effort to become less involved with homework.
- Help with reminders about long-term projects.
- Stay in communication with teachers.

Chapel



- Once a week on Tuesdays
- Student-led worship

Discipline

- In the middle school we have a “demerit system” in place
- Four demerits = after-school detention
- After a demerit is issued, an email will be sent home
- Stay in communication with teachers.

School Rules about Devices

- No cell phones or tablets during the school day.
- If students bring them to school, they must not be visible or audible during the school hours.
- Devices may be used after school—as long as they are being used responsibly.

First Month: Transition Period

Students are given an adjustment period the first month of school.

If they are late or forget something in their locker, we will go easy on them!



Materials, Supplies, and Organization

Keeping School Materials Organized

- Backpack – Soft or rolling
 - 6th grade girls bag hooks - Behind Mr. Shook's room
 - 6th grade boys and 7th grade boys and girls bag hooks - on the fence
 - 8th grade bag hooks - In front of math room
- Lunch bag
- Bag for PE clothes
- Please label all items!

Zipper Binder

Suggestion:

- 1 heavy-duty binder with strap
- System for organizing
- Get binder with accordion pockets



Supply List

- Supply payment of \$60
- Included in your packet
- Emailed to parents
- Linked on Valor website by the beginning of summer



Chromebook Information

- Why use chromebooks ?
 - Affordability, durability, battery life, connected to google account, secure
- Look for the AUE - Auto Update Expiration to extend through the 8th grade. [AUE Device List](#)
- Recommended: Two chargers - one for home use, one for school use - OR to be sure that laptops are charged and ready to go each morning
- More information regarding chromebooks will be sent out over summer (school policy, security, etc).

Locker Organization



- Padlock
- Locker shelf
- Shelf Liner & Decoration (optional)



Locker Day

- Friday, August 16, 2024
- 1-3:30 PM
 - 1-2:30: 7th/8th grade setup
 - 2:30-3:30: 6th grade setup
- Set up lockers.
- Contact Mr. Shook or Ms. Click if you can not make it.

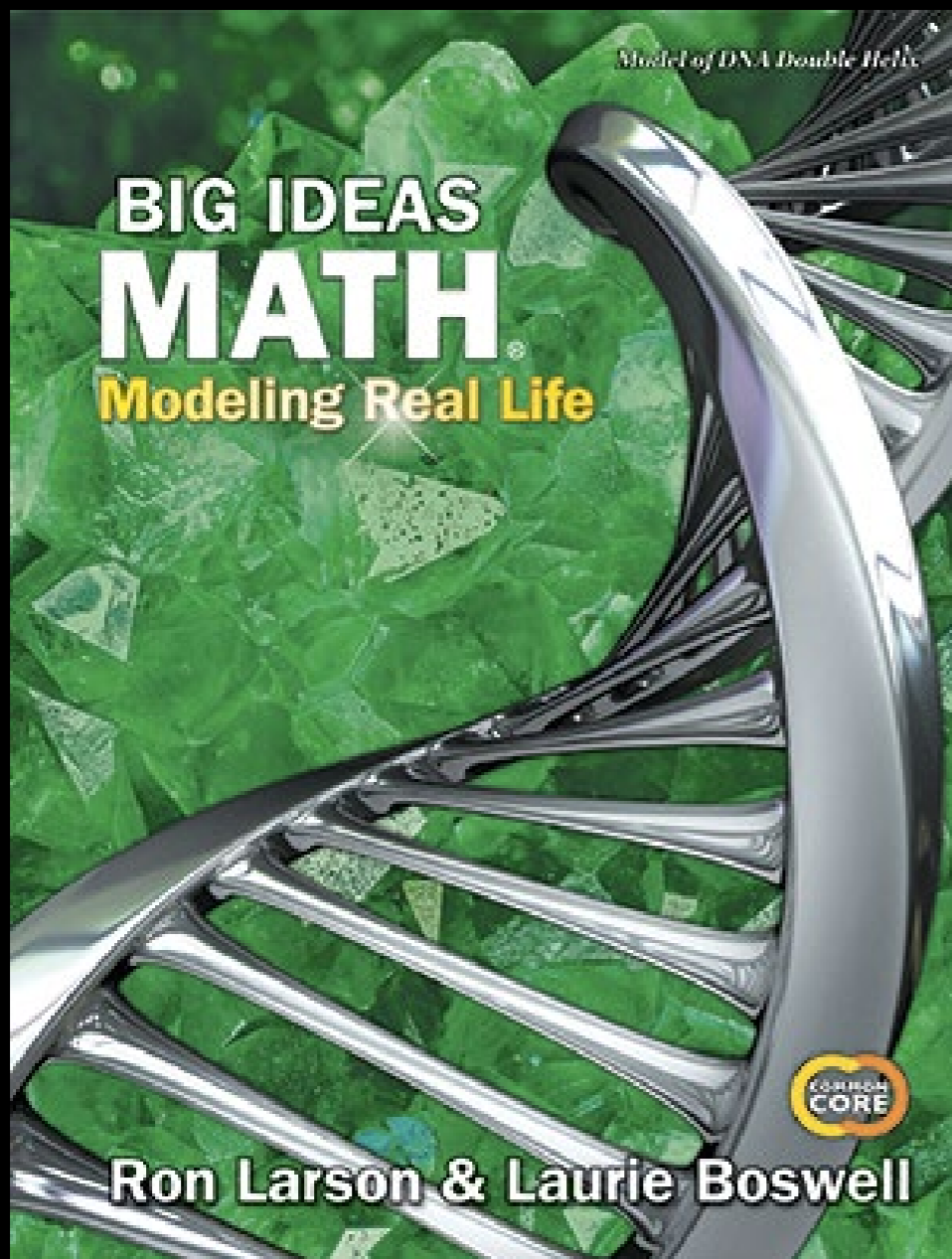


Middle School Classes

Classes

- 50 minute core classes: Language Arts (ELA), Bible, Science, Math, History
- Electives
- PE

Mathematics



6th Grade

- Diagnostic test given at the end school year

Math Progression

- 6th Grade Math Accelerated Math and Standard Math
- 7th Grade Accelerated Math and Standard Math
- 8th Grade Algebra 1 and 8th Grade Pre-Algebra
- Placement into accelerated or regular track is based on Iowa testing scores, MDTP score, prior year math grades, and teacher recommendation

Language Arts

Core texts and materials: A Christmas Carol, Various Short Stories, Farewell to Manzanar, poetry and the Magician's Nephew

Writing Focus for Essays & Writing on Demand:
Narrative, Explanatory/Informational, Argumentative,
Literary Analysis/Response to Literature, Critical Thinking

Grammar, Vocabulary & Spelling

Using Evidence from the text to support our claims

Biblical approach to learning the English Language.

Paige Rider

Professor S. A. Marker

English 101

3 April 2011

How College Writing Differs from High School:

Essays that Welcome Uncertainty and Seek out Debates Lead to True Growth

In high school, teachers who asked me to write personal essays or expository papers typically rewarded what Smith describes as "the emotions and knowledge that the students already know well" (123). On other hand, success in college means being ready to "explore an idea, probe an issue, solve a problem, or make an argument that compels us to turn to outside help" (Gibaldi 2). That phrase "turn to outside help" is a good definition of what it means to research - to search

Writing assignments need to be typed.

MLA format

Submitted electronically & in Print

Students will learn and effectively use the Google platform.

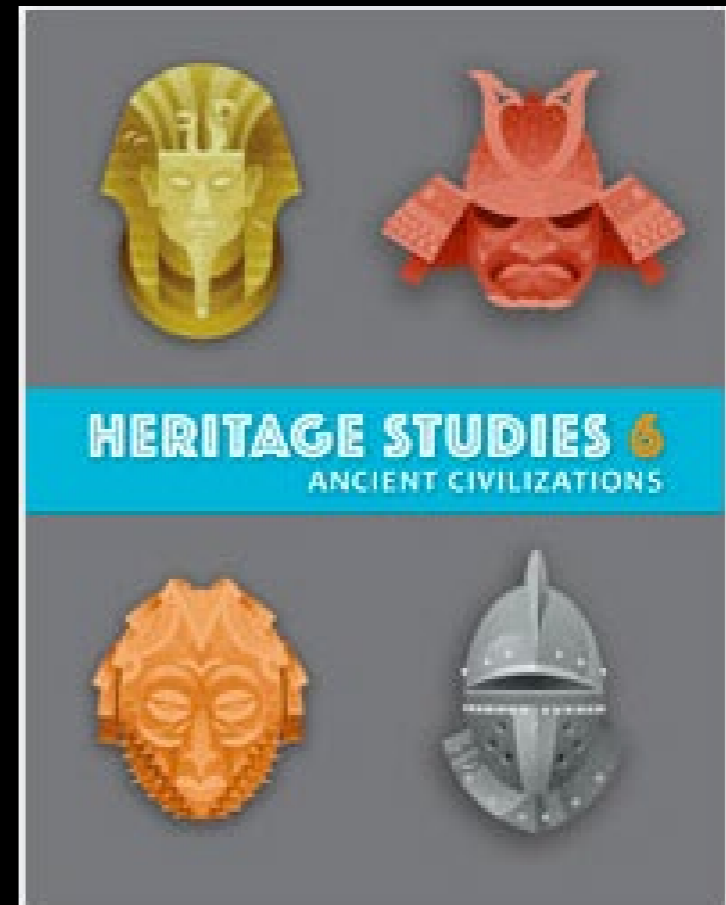
History

Ancient Civilizations

- Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, etc.

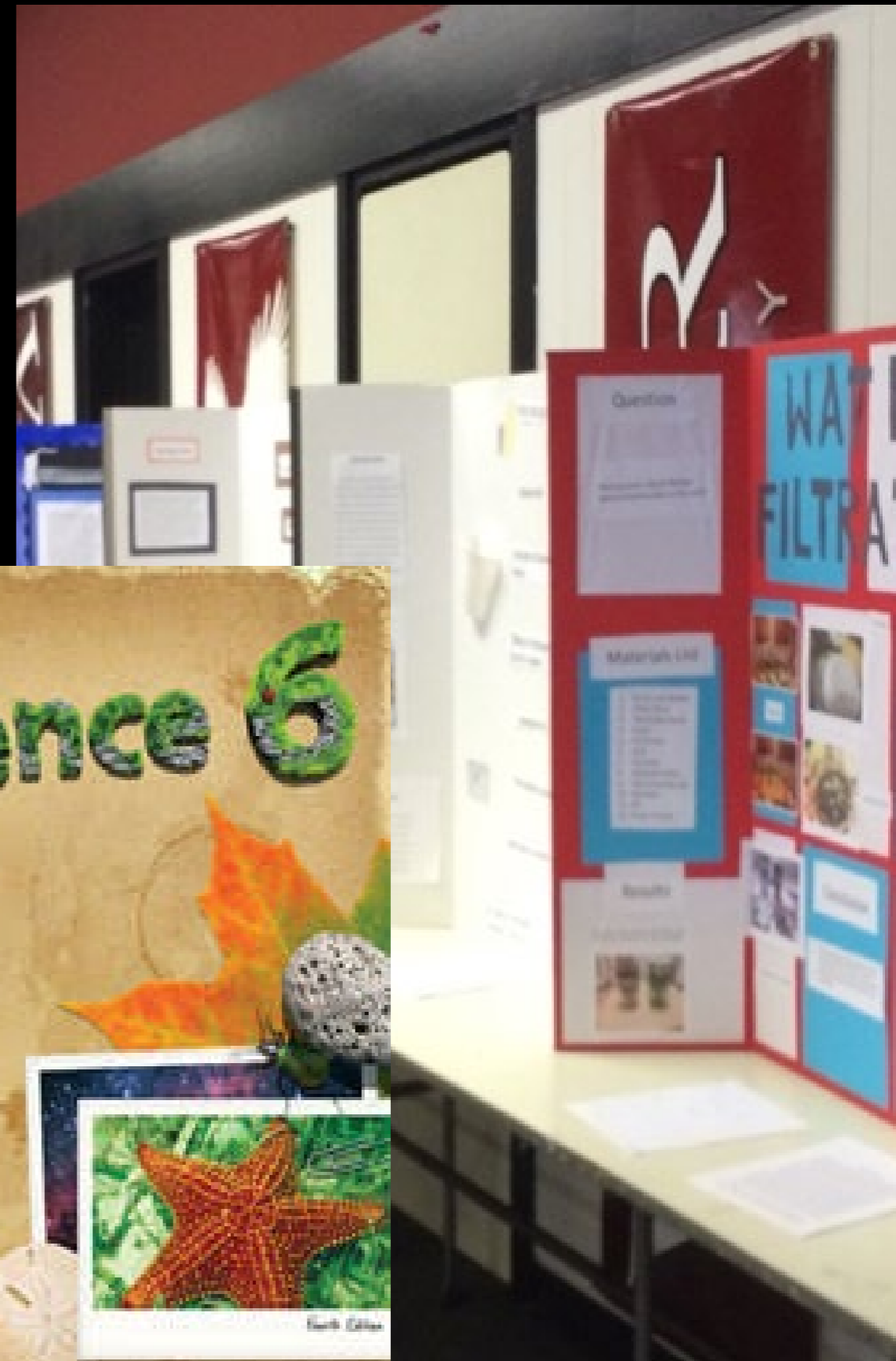
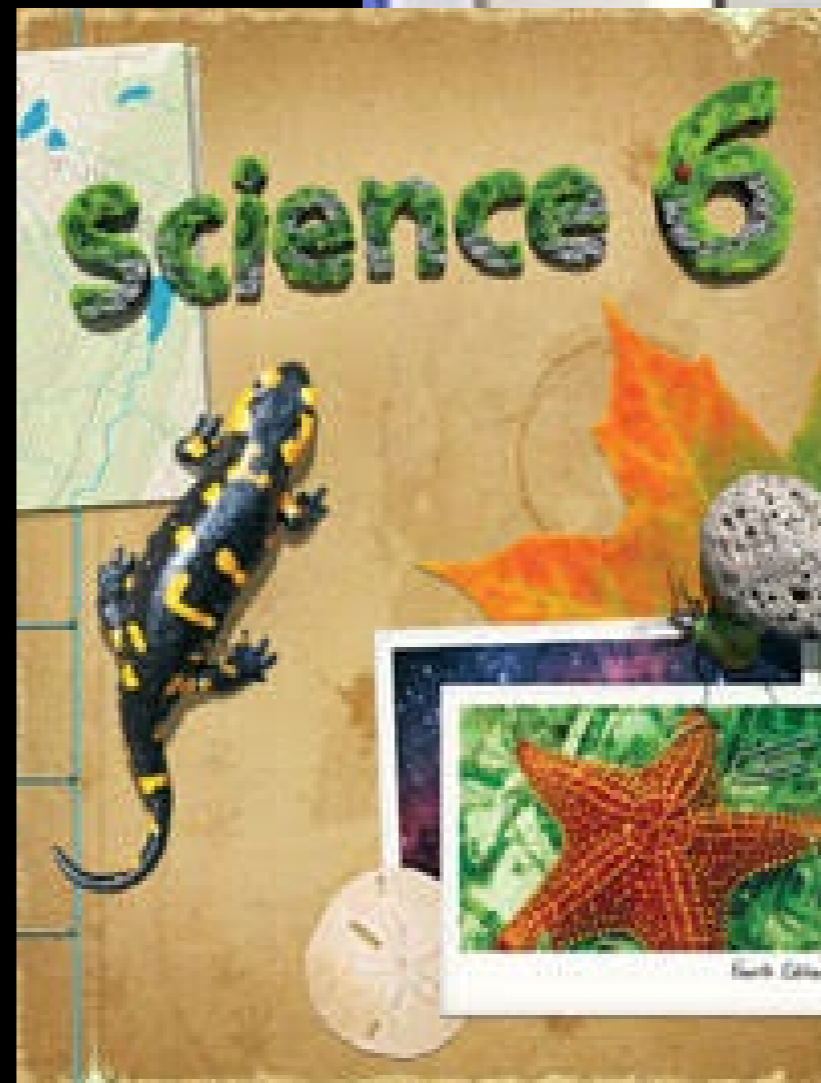
Textbook: Bob Jones Press
Heritage Studies 6

Cross-Curricular Writing



Science

- Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Soil, Natural resources, Cells, Plants, Animals, Atoms, Weathering, Erosion, Electricity, Magnetism.
- Science Fair - May



Bible



We focus on developing students' knowledge, character, and relationship with God using His Word as our guide.

Answers in Genesis
Curriculum
Creative & Service
Projects



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

After School Sports

Boys

Fall: Soccer
Winter: Basketball
Spring: Volleyball

Girls

Fall: Volleyball
Winter: Soccer
Spring: Basketball



Student Involvement

- Student Honor Council
- Spelling Bee
- Math Olympics
- Chapel



Hume Lake/ Science Camp

March 2025

Cost: \$550

Outdoor Ed &
Spiritual Teaching

Nurse at Camp
Screen-Free



Summer Preparation

Summer Reading

Students should be reading at least 1 grade level (or higher) novel a month. This means 2 novels over the summer. With these 2 novels, the students will write a book review.

They can choose what they want to read as long as they have not read it before and is it is at least a 5th Grade or Higher reading level.

Uniform

- Uniform items are purchased at Norman's School Uniforms in San Pedro or online.
- <http://www.normansuniforms.com>
- Norman's will also be on campus for a pop-up store on Thursday, July 18 from 3pm – 7pm in the chapel.

Uniform Items

For chapel:

- 1 chapel vest (with polo shirt)
- boys: 1 long pant; girls: drop -yoke skirt, plaid

Everyday wear:

- 2-3 polo shirts
- 2 pairs of shorts or 2 pairs of skorts
- Valor sweatshirt/jacket/sweater for cold weather



Daily Uniform Items for Boys



Daily Uniform Items for Girls



Other Accessories

- Brown/black belts must be worn if pants or shorts have belt hoops
- Cardinal/white/black/gray socks that show
- Suggestion: Leggings for girls
- Tennis shoes



Socks should go above the ankle.

Physical Education

Daily P.E.

Need to buy P.E.

uniform from

Norman's Uniform

Students change

during lunch.

Suggestion: 3 shirts,

2 pairs of shorts.

Put P.E. clothes in a

separate bag for

changing.



Important Dates

Locker Assignment Day: Friday, August 16, 2024 1-2:30 pm (7th/8th grade) and 2:30-3:30 (6th grade)

TK-8th grade Orientation 6-7 PM: Monday, August 19, 2024

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 - Meet on the T's, blacktop area

All Middle School Bonding Retreat: Friday, August 23, 2024

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