

SIXTH GRADE

The sixth grade is an exciting year for our students at John Fuller. They are the leaders of the school and take pride in being good role models for the younger students. It is also a year of tremendous growth for students both academically and socially. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning and the choices they make socially. We are here to guide them in making wise choices as they become increasingly more independent.

LITERACY

We follow a workshop approach to literacy. In reading each day the students are engaged in a focus lesson, followed by time for independent reading, conferring, and small group instruction. The block is concluded with a whole-group share. Through works of fiction we analyze literary elements and write a variety of responses. We also read many selections related to science and social studies and work on reading strategies for the content areas. In addition to reading in school, the students are expected to read at home at night. In writing, the students produce a variety of narrative, informational, and argument pieces across the curriculum. We utilize the Words Their Way program for instruction in phonics, vocabulary, and spelling.

MATH

Our core math program is Everyday Mathematics. This is a spiral curriculum that revisits concepts regularly and builds on topics taught in previous years. We supplement our math instruction with other programs and resources like Accelerated Math and Khan Academy. in order to reinforce skills that have been taught and to provide students with individualized practice. The general topics covered are data and graphing, whole numbers, decimals, fractions, percentages, geometry, algebra concepts, and ratio and proportion.

SCIENCE

Our science program focuses on both the content and the process of science. The students will spend time conducting controlled experiments, collecting data, and writing lab reports. They will also read nonfiction material and view videos related to each topic of study. We utilize process skills and experimental design throughout the year. In Earth Science we explore: landforms, natural resources and disasters. In Physical Science we investigate: force and motion, electromagnetism, and STEM concepts including the SeaPerch ROV. In Life Science we will primarily study ecosystems.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Our studies will focus on Prehistory, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and Medieval Times and include the themes of geography, government and economics, as related to the development and growth of these civilizations and time periods. The content of the social studies curriculum is often integrated with our literacy instruction. The students will read a variety of genre related to each topic of study. They will also practice the skills of researching, writing reports, and sharing information with others in a variety of ways.

TECHNOLOGY

We integrate technology into all subject areas during the year. The students will: conduct internet research, cite sources used, create slide shows, use spreadsheets, design infographics, create graphs, and practice typing. They also use these forms of technology to present information and ideas learned, to the class.

DARE

In the spring the students will have the opportunity to participate in the DARE program. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. This program is taught by an officer of the Conway Police Department.

GUIDANCE

Our guidance counselor meets with both sixth grade classes throughout the year in a whole-group setting to discuss topics of importance to this age group, with a focus on internet safety in their lives. She also meets with individual students on an as-needed basis. Additionally, she hosts lunch bunch groups with students during the week.