

# 6th Grade

*Entering middle school is an exciting time for students and families alike. Beginning in sixth grade at CLA, our students learn how to take ownership of their academics as well as their spiritual walk with God. Each course is designed to meet the needs of the students as they move into a more advanced course work mentality. The following courses are offered to sixth grade students.*

*Bible Leadership:* This course is designed to give students the ability and desire to become lifelong students of God's Word and apply it to every aspect of their lives. Students begin the school year with *How to Study Your Bible for Kids* by Kay Arthur before moving into a study of the book of John. Specific days of the class are set out for leadership growth where students are taught the seven habits of highly effective people while receiving reinforcement on how to apply CLA's ten leadership traits. Finally, students are lead through a study habits workbook to learn how to begin basic yet essential skills to be successful in their academics, such as keeping a calendar and learning study skills. All the while, students are memorizing scripture to continue their growth and ownership of their faith.

*Course Two Mathematics:* CLA's math course for sixth grade students is a preparatory course for upcoming advanced mathematics, such as Pre-Algebra and Honors Algebra One. In Course Two, students learn basic algebraic skills such as ratios, expressions, equations, statistics and probability.

*US History Part Two:* Sixth grade students study the major events, people, and ideas that helped to shape our nation's history. Students pick up at the start of Reconstruction and continue on to present day. Students also infuse their study of US History with some basic studies in civics and ask questions like, what are our rights and responsibilities as citizens? What role should we as Christians play as wise consumers of news and information? How can we learn from the examples of both wise and poor leaders from our nation's past? How can we ourselves become leaders for the future?

*Language Arts:* English/Language Arts in sixth grade has several subsections to engage each student's abilities in reading and writing. Students have regular discussions, assignments, and opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge in the following areas: spelling, vocabulary, literature analysis, grammar, writing (fiction and nonfiction), and reading comprehension (fiction and nonfiction).

*Life Science:* Sixth grade students study all aspects of life from the living cell to the most complex cellular structures in the body. Topics of study include Cells, Genetics, DNA, Microorganisms, Plants, Animals, the Human Body, and Ecosystems.

Advanced PE: Sixth grade students have PE twice per week through Titus Sports Academy. Five physical qualities make up the foundation of the program: Mobility/Flexibility, Speed, Strength, Agility, and Endurance. Students are pushed to the limits to reach health and wellness goals, all while having fun!

Study Hall: Sixth grade students participate in an afternoon study hall twice per week. Young middle school students benefit greatly from having this time frame to ask questions and excel in independent assignments as they continue to learn time management.

Music: Our sixth grade music class focuses on how to recognize scales, harmonies, rhythm and notes in relation to each other. Students practice vocal warm-ups which help develop the sense of different tones. We have lots of fun playing different instruments and singing different memorization songs. All the while, students strengthen individual relationships with God through music and creativity.

Art: Sixth grade students use art as an opportunity to generate and conceptualize artistic ideas, organize and develop art using multiple mediums, and gain knowledge of art history. Likewise, students are challenged creatively to refine, analyze, and apply criteria to evaluate artistic work. Students have several opportunities to work with peers to synthesize personal experiences to make art.

*Available to all middle school students is Florida Virtual School. Any class taken through Florida Virtual School is at no additional cost and is available to students who need reinforcement or who wish to accelerate their academic path. Prior approval by administration is required to pursue an FLVS class.*