



PERIMETER SCHOOL
A Covenant Christian Community

Rising Sixth Grade Information

Sixth grade is a unique opportunity at Perimeter School! We offer your children a *gentle bridge* to middle school where their homeroom teacher will remain their primary mentor/teacher to encourage life-on-life discipleship and mentoring. This allows students and teachers to develop deeper relationships as they adapt to middle school but have new experiences with changing classes. This is a safe place and time to learn how to think, struggle, and even fail. We focus on character development and habits.

I. Enrichment Days and Class Trips

- A. Tellus Museum - October
- B. Right to Life Day - January
- C. Warm Springs (FDR's Little White House) - January
- D. Arts Festival - March
- E. Jimmy Carter Library/Museum and MLK, Jr. Center - April
- F. Savannah - May (chaperone signup in August)

II. Subjects

- A. Bible (not graded) - *ESV Student Study Bible*
 - 1. Journal Time
 - 2. Perimeter School Memory Verses
 - 3. Study of Old Testament
- B. Math - Our math instruction enables students to develop a solid foundation in the language and basic concepts of all areas of math emphasizing conceptual understanding while reinforcing procedural practice.
 - 1. Online Practice
 - 2. Daily Homework
 - 3. Tests Every 3 Weeks
 - 4. Math Help Offered Weekly
- C. History
 - 1. Europe and Asia - Countries and Capitals
 - 2. 1898 Spanish/American War to the Present (primarily the 1900s)
 - 3. Highlights

- a. 1920s Day
- b. Warm Springs Trip
- c. Jimmy Carter Library and MLK, Jr. Sights

D. Language Arts

1. *Shurley English* will be used for grammar, syntax, vocabulary, etymology, and analogies (grammar help provided weekly).
2. Study of literature will include general comprehension, analysis, and application with understanding of literary elements.
 - a. *A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen
 - b. *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
 - c. *The Hiding Place* by The Sherrills and Corrie ten Boom
 - d. *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
 - e. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare
 - f. Possible Addition of Literature (to support academic content)
3. Writing instruction will include structure and style as well as practicing expository, persuasive, personal narrative, and independent short story writing.

E. Science

1. Biblical Worldview - Faith and Science
2. Topics
 - a. Periodic Table
 - b. Minerals, Fossils
 - c. Erosion, Glaciers
 - d. Geology and Plate Tectonics
 - e. Oceans and Seas
 - f. Earth's Atmosphere
 - g. Sun, Moon, and Earth Systems
 - h. Space Exploration

F. Specials

1. Computer - Keyboarding (encouraged for essays)
2. Research and Technology
3. Art
4. Music (one semester)
5. Drama (one semester)
6. Spanish (one semester)
7. P.E. (2-3 times per week)
8. Recess (daily)

III. Sensitive Topics

The following list includes some things that students may encounter for the first time in sixth grade. It is suggested that parents expose their students to these or be willing to address them as they are presented.

- A. Santa Claus (address before sixth grade)
- B. KKK - 1920s History
- C. Holocaust
- D. War Scenes
- E. Abortion - Right to Life March in January and History Class
- F. Civil Rights Movement
- G. The Assassination of U.S. Leaders (especially in the 1960s)
- H. Savannah (prepare for time away from parents)

IV. Summer Reading

- A. *The Wednesday Wars* - See Summer Reading Assignment Document
- B. Choice Books (optional) - See Honors Reading List

V. Nature Study Books and Paints

- A. Will be procured for new Perimeter School students.
- B. Returning students will use nature study books/paints from fifth grade.

We are excited to walk alongside you and your students as they enter middle school to help prepare them for the road ahead.