



# Sixth Grade Curriculum Overview

*CCA middle school utilizes curriculum from the Summit Learning Platform. All content is consistent with Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Math, State Standards in History/Social Studies and Next Generation Science Standards.*

## **Bible Study**

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade experience regular Bible study and prayer time. At this age, students are seeking a foundation for their faith, so topical studies include Bible-based conflict management and the establishment of values rooted in God's word. Weekly memory work assignments aid students in "hiding God's Word in their hearts."

## **Reading/Language Arts**

Language Arts encompasses literature, composition, and grammar. A love of reading is encouraged by providing a variety of age-appropriate opportunities for reading, from independent reading time to classic novels read and discussed as a class. Emphasis is on comprehension and analytical skills. *Daily Oral Language (DOL)* work in class teaches and reinforces proper grammatical form, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling skills. Students develop skills in creative and essay writing.

## **Math**

Students learn through the inquiry method, beginning with what they know already and building upon that knowledge. Core content covers ratios and proportional relationships, the number system, expressions and equations, geometry and statistics and probability.

## **Integrated Science**

Integrated science includes investigations in both physical science and earth science. Units include growth and development of organisms, the structure of life, human impacts on Earth, weather and climate, and energy. Through hands-on labs and their coinciding data collection and analysis, students gain familiarity with the scientific method and the use of inquiry to create and test hypotheses. They then present their findings to their peers.

## **Social Studies/Ancient Civilizations**

The study of other cultures, as well as world history, is integral to the development of young minds and seeks to answer the question: Is history the same to everyone? Studies include Ancient Egypt, China, Greece, and Rome with content focused on agriculture, human development, beliefs and practices, and organization of societies. Inquiry, interpersonal relations, and critical reasoning skills are emphasized in order to gather, interpret, and analyze information, to engage in respectful and productive civic discourse, and to draw conclusions consistent with one's own values and beliefs.

## **Additional Learning Experiences**

- One-to-one classroom computers
- Library/Accelerated Reader
- Volleyball, Cross-Country, Basketball, and Track
- Physical Education
- National Geographic Society Geography Bee
- Field Trips to complement units of study
- Weekly Chapel/Service Projects
- Outdoor Ed: A three-day camp with other area Christian schools
- Lutheran Elementary School Tournament
- Band/Choir/Art