



## Sixth Grade Curriculum

**Religion:** CPH's One in Christ curriculum emphasizes through God's Word that our faith unites us with Christ. The curriculum centers on Bible literacy and discipleship, consisting of a chronological Bible survey. For 6th graders, lessons from the Old and New testaments point to the Bible as one big and continuing story of God's love for all people and His plan of salvation for them through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lessons focus on God's plan of redeeming mercy and grace, as seen in Biblical accounts. The goal of the materials is to help students grow in discipleship and explore Scripture and apply it to their lives. 6th graders engage in a memory curriculum that centers on core memory verses and additional materials which coordinate with Religion lessons.

**Language / English Arts:** Our curriculum uses the McGraw Hill Language Arts program. This focuses on parts of speech and proper sentence construction through practice and repetition. These skills are able to be integrated into writing, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, biography, and book reports. These tie in well with other subjects, giving many opportunities to practice the skills.

**Spelling:** The "Journeys" series is used focusing on spelling patterns, word histories, word attack skills, basic word roots, affixes, and endings. Syllabication, dictionary and thesaurus skills are also practiced to strengthen spelling abilities.

**Reading:** We use the "Journeys" series to work on vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. The reading series pushes students to become better readers through a wide array of reading strategies and assessments. Students engage in novel studies through an individualized approach which incorporates the Accelerated Reader Program. Writing about Literature, journal reflections, and group discussions build the joy and involvement of reading among other students.

**Social Studies:** Students will learn various concepts of geography and history of the nations of the world outside of the western hemisphere. We begin with a review of the basics of geography and then move on to the regions and countries of Europe and cultural impact on society. In all areas we compare and contrast the lifestyles of the nations being studied and the United States. Students will study one country, of their choosing, in depth. They will learn how to research, make maps, and put together an oral presentation.

**Science:** The 6th grade science curriculum using Harcourt materials gives opportunities to explore the following topics: life systems, plant and animal growth, ecosystems, space and earth science, chemistry, genetics, the water cycle, ecology, energy, matter, simple machines, magnetism and electricity, and basic physics. Projects and hands-on activities are used in combination with the text.

**Math:** We are using Big Ideas Math which is a follow up to Saxon Math. There are many things available for parents to use online to reinforce learning. Most chapters are smaller and there is a review half way through each chapter. Basic concepts covered are: Numerical Expressions, Factors, Fractions, Decimals, Algebraic Expressions and Properties, Areas of Polygons, Ratios and Rates, Integers and Coordinate Planes, Equations and Inequalities, Surface Area, Volume, Statistical Measures, and Data Displays. There are a variety of problems to pick from and they range from easy to very challenging. Story problems are weaved in daily. Each lesson is a two-day process. The first day is group work and learning concepts by doing. We also practice the problems that will come on day two. Day two is basically a work day.