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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Sixth Grade

Dear Parents,

We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality, Christ-centered classroom environment in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our sixth grade faculty has provided the following overall distinctive elements and prerequisites, which we hope will be beneficial for students preparing to enter our program. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Kingdom Education

Bay Area Christian School exists to provide Kingdom Education to the next generation, empowering them to make disciples of Jesus at home, in society, and through the church. Kingdom Education is the life-long, Bible-based, Christ-centered process of leading a child to Christ, building them up in Christ, and equipping them to serve Christ.

Overall Distinctive Elements

Rotational class schedule for specialized content instruction and hallway lockers.

Curriculum: The BJU Press materials are formulated using a Biblical worldview. Students discover how the Bible is relevant to every academic subject because each textbook includes biblical worldview shaping. God's truth is the starting point and standard before man's assumptions are even considered. In addition to biblical worldview shaping, other main elements are critical thinking and academic rigor.

Bible: Students are introduced to systematic theology in a clear, meaningful, practical and applicable way. Biblical worldview, prayer, and worship are integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel. Students memorize monthly scriptures with application lessons as part of Bible class.

English Language Arts & Reading: *English 6* reviews grammar sequentially; applies grammar instruction to writing; includes expanded instruction on digital literacy skills; teaches additional usage and mechanics for punctuation. Projects include turkey story, historical missionary research, and *Wonder* yearbook. *Literature 6* explores various selections and reading strategies; encourages and guides students through literary and informational texts; and practices writing critically and applying worldview shaping to reading selections.

Math: 6th Grade McGraw Hill curriculum focuses on the introduction of rational numbers, proportional reasoning, and the introduction of algebraic relationships; includes solving one step equations and inequalities; provides foundational algebraic skills, including properties of equality, algebraic relationships, the introduction of variables, and using positive and negative rational numbers as coefficients; reinforces place value, operations with fractions and decimals, creating patterns, and working with equivalency; and incorporates high order thinking, problem solving, and differentiated learning. Projects include Christmas village and personal financial literacy.

Science: BJU science develops foundational understanding of scientific knowledge and inquiry skills with exposure to scientific methods to solve real-world problems. *Science 6* explores the basics of earth science, life science, physical science, and the human body to form a foundation for more specific studies. Projects include cell, volcano, brain, DNA extraction, animal classification and space projects.

History: *Heritage Studies 6: Ancient Civilizations* emphasizes primary-source evaluations of justice, power, citizenship, and environment; prepares the students for World Studies. Projects include Greek plays, cross-curricular missionary project, historical timeline, coat of arms, and creation.

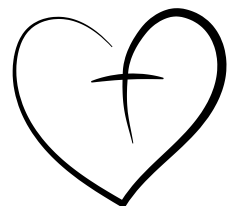
Specials: Band, orchestra or art/music/Spanish, P.E. everyday

Sports offered: Baseball, basketball, cross country, softball, swimming, volleyball, and football

Field trips: Zoo, Go Texan Day, and Signature overnight trip to Camp Olympia

Behavior Expectations

- Demonstrate a high level of respect, self-control, responsibility and character as a reflection of Christ's love for others and the school
- Listen and respond attentively to multiple-step oral directions, questions, speakers, and presentations



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Academic Expectations

- Condense coursework and instructional materials through note taking, outlines, and summaries
- Use research skills in history and science
- Apply and use the scientific method

Summer Suggestions

- Read a minimum of 20 minutes a day during the summer.
- Practice Math Speed Drills at afterschoolhelp.com (under math tab).
- Book 6 *Vacation Stations: Outback Odyssey* by Bob Jones University Press



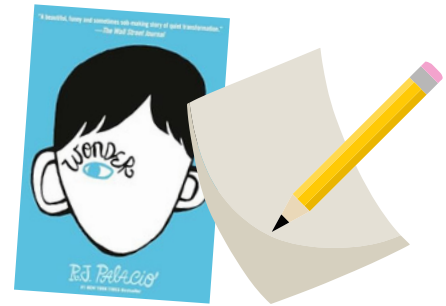
Summer Activities

- Camps are typically available for students entering the 6th grade: swim, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and football camps.

Summer Reading Requirement

Wonder by R.J. Palacio, ISBN: 78-0375869020

- Students are to read the book; then print and complete the assignment from the school's website. Please bring the assignment to class the first week of school. There will be class discussions, assignments, and assessments related to this book during the first weeks at school.



Readiness Areas

Language Arts Prerequisites

- Read silently and independently daily for a sustained time, summarize what was read, and determine the main idea.
- Display reading comprehension of grade level material by sequencing events, recognizing character traits, making predictions with deductive reasoning, and supporting inferences with textual evidence
- Use correct grammar when speaking and writing
- Write with well-developed sentences and paragraphs that are correct grammatically and in structure in cursive
- Utilize synonyms, antonyms, similes, metaphors, homophones, and analogies to build vocabulary and writing depth
- Use prewriting and revising strategies in developing written products
- Edit writing with knowledge of spelling, punctuation, parts of speech, and grammar

Math Prerequisites

- Identify, measure, and convert units of length, capacity, and mass into customary and metric units
- Determine the perimeter of polygons and the area of squares and rectangles
- Exercise proper, grade-level math vocabulary
- Perform operations correctly using whole numbers, fractions, and decimals
- Memorization of multiplication facts

