

Grade Six Overview

Classroom Experience:

At King's, students experience integrated, interdisciplinary classes and labs with engaging, enriching curriculum through differentiated instruction and team teaching.

Specialists: Technology, Spanish, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Health Sciences and Physical Education, Art, Life Skills, Library.

Student/Teacher Ratio: Moderately-sized classes

School Day: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm

Morning Recess 15 minutes

Lunch/Recess 25 minutes/30 minutes

Sixth Grade Distinctive:

King's Kids become confident, self-directed learners ready to solve the real-world challenges set before them. Emphasis is on leadership, character and teamwork as students explore their passions and interests through academic inquiry, community service, and become 21st century collaborators.

Spiritual Life:

- **Bible:** Emphasis is on developing a personal regard for and application of scriptural principles for Godly living, through an interactive exposure to the New Testament and the basics of the Christian life.
- **Bible Memorization:** Emphasis is on committing Bible verses to memory integrated with current areas of study.
- **KIDS Praise:** Emphasis is on student leadership in weekly worship environment with exposure to Christian beliefs.
- **KING'S KIDS:** Emphasis is on Respect, Cooperation, Empathy and Responsibility.

Academic Life:

Communication

- **Literacy:** Emphasis is on interacting with complex informational texts, literature; developing academic vocabulary, comprehension, grammar, spelling, the writing process and structural analysis; using text evidence to support ideas, close reading, and differentiation strategies.
- **Spelling:** Emphasis is on an explicit, systematic study of phonetic and structural spelling patterns to create phonemic awareness and to demonstrate literacy.
- **Writing:** Emphasis is on developing purposeful authors who successfully incorporate, collaborate, evaluate and apply writing conventions through expository and creative prose.

- **Listening/Speaking:** Emphasis is on public speaking, dialoging, retelling, inferring, discerning, collaborating, discussing, summarizing, analyzing, clarifying, and presentation skills.
- **Library:** Emphasis is on using the essential learning skills needed for 21st century; gathering and using information ethically; using research tools responsibly and acquiring the skills to select, evaluate and use information effectively.
- **Spanish:** Emphasis is on developing Spanish vocabulary, fluency, and structure, both spoken and written, specifically through reading, storytelling, drama and activities.

STEM

- **Science:** Emphasis is on God's Creation as it relates to physical science to develop and maintain essential skills for scientific inquiry through investigations, research inventions, and hands-on activities.
- **Technology:** Emphasis is on creating a digital presentation that includes video, music, data and graphics.
- **Engineering:** Emphasis is on designing and programming utilizing Mindstorm Robots, Minecraft Edu, Scratch, iPad Photography, architectural design, iPod Geocaching and class sets of netbooks and iPads.
- **Mathematics:** The emphasis is on developing deeper understanding of math strategies and concepts and utilizing the problem solving process. In addition, math practice online and offline is an expected part of the math curriculum that is practiced at home.

Social Sciences

- **Social Studies:** Emphasis is on the integration of world geography, history and literature of the Hebrew, Greek and Roman civilizations while analyzing and engaging in the cultures through research, drama, art and public speaking.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:** Emphasis is on skill development, physical fitness and the knowledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Teamwork, cooperation, and communication are used to strategize and problem solve as students explore physical and health science through sports, games, activities and health labs.
- **Life Skills and Social Responsibility:** Emphasis is on gaining skills in communication; coping and communication skills that help sixth graders navigate around problems that arise as they grow and learn, such as peer pressure, bullying and stress. Emphasis is on knowing how to use digital media in a safe manner. Students also learn to be respectful and treat others with respect and kindness when communicating on line through social media.

Fine Arts

- **Art:** Emphasis is on art literacy by experiencing art in various forms.
- **Instrumental Music:** Emphasis ranges from basic skills to advanced mastery with opportunities for public performances.
- **Vocal Music:** Emphasis is on developing the singing voice, choral tone and choral skills; reinforcing musical concepts through rhythmic activities and hands-on exploration of digital music production using iPad technology; studying music history; developing an appreciation for and enjoyment of various music styles; and empowering students for leadership in the worship experience.

Grade Activities:

- **DISCOVERY Friday:** Emphasis is on specialized intermediate multi-age lab environments that bring exciting, enriching, and inspiring explorations in STEM.
- **Service:** Emphasis is helping and serving other people; locally, regionally and globally.
- **International Opportunities:** Cultural immersion experiences develop new friendships around the world; MeySen Academy, Japan and Joy Language School, Korea.
- **Extended Learning Trips:** Mall Math, Museum of Flight, Unite Retreat
- **Events:** Parent Information Night, Safety Programs, Math Olympiad, Taproot Theatre Anti-Bullying, Fall and Spring Concerts, KIDS Praise Leadership, Worship Teams, Experience King's Open House, Community Service, Hooray Day, Green Team, Safety Patrol, Knights of Honor, Honor Society, Junior National Young Leaders, Robotics Teams.

Learning Resources:

- **Bible:**
 - Dynamic Christian Living: Positive Action Bible Curriculum.
- **Literacy: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar**
 - Journeys: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- **Spanish:**
 - ¡Cuentame!: TPRS Publishing, Inc.
- **Science:**
 - Science: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Technology:**
 - Technology Education Series by Structured Learning (32 Lessons Every 6th Grader Can Accomplish On a Computer: Mavis, Edmodo.
- **Engineering:**
 - Mindstorm robot, LEGO Education, Minecraft Edu, Scratch, iPod, class sets of netbooks and iPads.
- **Mathematics:**
 - Holt McDougal Mathematics 6: Holt McDougal
- **Social Science:**
 - Ancient Civilizations: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Life Skills:**
 - Digital Citizenship: Common Sense Media.
 - Stepping Up: Second Step: Committee For Children.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:**
 - Dynamic PE for Elementary School Children, (Dauer & Pangraz.)
 - Physical Education for Lifelong Fitness: NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education).
 - Physical Fitness Games and Activities: Mary Kotnour, Parker Publishing Co.
- **Art:**
 - How Great Thou ART: Jody Coulston.
- **Vocal Music:**
 - Essential Musicianship: Hal Leonard Corp.
 - The Rhythm Redder: Hal Leonard Corps.
- **Online Reference Tools:**
 - Smartboard Notebook, Discovery Streaming, Worldbook, ProQuest, Culture Grams, Grolier, Think Central, Holt McDougal Math.6, YouTube and more.