



# SIXTH GRADE



"THE ENTIRE OBJECT OF TRUE EDUCATION, IS TO MAKE PEOPLE NOT MERELY DO THE RIGHT THING, BUT TO ENJOY RIGHT THINGS; NOT MERELY INDUSTRIOUS, BUT TO LOVE INDUSTRY; NOT MERELY LEARNED, BUT TO LOVE KNOWLEDGE." ~ JOHN RUSKIN



Sixth Grade at Covenant is a year of preparation as students ready themselves for the expectations of Middle School. Instruction is delivered in a modified departmentalized model which, allows students to begin to navigate the world of changing classrooms and meet the expectations of multiple teachers. Students learn to organize their belongings independently through the use of an assigned locker and take greater responsibility for the management of assignments and tools of learning. Independent learners apply the skills and knowledge presented to them through direct instruction and demonstrate proficiency through narrative writing, complex problem solving and computation, literary discussions, and independent and group projects. By combining active learning with classical methods of direct instruction, repetition, recitation, memorization and repeated application, our sixth graders will use their solid skills to grow as students who are now responsible for the outcome. Sixth graders partner with their teachers as they assume the posture and responsibility of a life long learner.

*Walking by the 6th Grade, you might see:*

- Students coming in from their morning responsibility of raising the flag and independently settling in while they gather the materials needed for the day.
- A mock trial for the British soldiers who were involved in the Boston Massacre, as students learn to examine historical issues from all points of view.
- Students applying their knowledge of fractions and decimals to real life problems like leaving a tip at a restaurant, or finding the rate that someone drove to school. Or perhaps they are using letters as they explore the properties of algebra.
- The teacher and student working one-to-one, going through a draft of a research paper. The student is being challenged to clarify an aspect of the paragraph content and a graphic organizer used to prepare one's thoughts before writing is being referenced.
- Typed essays displayed proudly, as students are beginning to master word processing skills.
- Small groups of students working together to measure the circumference of an egg and observe how its properties mirror those of a cell membrane.
- Teacher and students gathered on the rug discussing the common themes of redemption and deliverance found in the story of the Exodus and tying them into the bigger picture of God's plan for the redemption of His people throughout the Bible
- Students excited to depart for a three day retreat at Camp Berea in Hebron, New Hampshire—a highlight of the year as they will learn to work as a team, take responsibility for their spiritual growth, and experience life away from home, sometimes for the very first time.