

Language Arts/Reading

In 6th grade, Language Arts builds on skills previously learned and introduces many new concepts to the students. Grammar skills are reviewed and worked on daily through warm-ups. The elements of literature, such as plot, figurative language, and conflict, are taught in class and then focused on through short stories, novels, and poetry. The integration of writing is also a daily practice for the students. All of our teachers enhance their classrooms using technology and try to incorporate as much as we can to reach each student and their learning style.

Math

Throughout the course of the school year, students will encounter various math concepts.

1st 9 weeks- Number Fluency/Proportions

2nd 9 Weeks- Algebra

3rd 9 weeks- Geometry/Statistics

4th 9 weeks- Rational Numbers

Mathematics instruction is taught using a variety of resources. A textbook or workbook can be issued upon request. Selected students are enrolled in Accelerated Math. In this course, students are taught the entire 6th grade curriculum and the first semester of the 7th grade curriculum.

Science

In 6th grade, students will focus on Earth science. Topics will include the study of meteorology, geology, astronomy, hydrology, the use of natural resources, and human impact on the earth. Students will use the scientific method to perform many experiments and investigations. Students will refer to an Interactive Earth Science book when completing lab activities. Teachers use class notes, handouts, and graphic organizers as study tools.

Social Studies

In sixth grade social studies, the first nine weeks period is usually the most challenging. During this time we delve into specific forms of government and economic systems found in the world. This offers many new terms and schools of thought. Continuous review of these terms at school and home is a plus. Once students have an understanding of the information covered in the first few weeks of school, we begin our study of the following regions: Europe, Canada, Latin America and Australia. For each area studied, we learn about the history, exploration of, government, culture, environmental concerns and specific locations on a map. Students will have a culminating project each nine weeks.

Extended Learning Time (ELT)

Extended Learning Time is during 3rd period. During this time, teachers can specifically address targeted skills or provide enrichment activities. Identified students who have been placed in tier 2 or 3 are placed in small groups. This allows students to review, practice, and maintain skills already taught. It also gives the students a chance to see concepts presented in a different way. Students are regrouped every nine weeks based on their performance in school. Advanced students will be provided enrichment classes with an emphasis on project/media based instruction and AR.

Connection Classes

Sixth grade students will be able to participate in P.E., Health, Art, Drama, Chorus, Computer, and Language Arts Enrichment. Any rising 6th grade student may register for band. Band is a year-long course.

Suggested Summer Reading Books

- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
- Where the Red Fern Grows
- Lord of the Flies
- Number the Stars



Basic Supplies Needed

- Notebook Paper and Graph Paper
- Pencils & Erasers
- Notebook Dividers
- Three ring binders
- One full sized book bag (NO rolling book bags).
- Basic art supplies such as crayons, ruler, and glue, should be kept on hand and at home for completing assignments and projects.



Clinic Supplies Needed

Ketalee: Neosporin, Dabonega and Big Canoe: Hand Soap, Cohutta: Cough Drops, Flint: Ziploc Bags (sandwich and snack sizes), Altamaha: Band-Aids (all shapes and sizes), Ellijay: Kleenex, Oconee: Clorox or Lysol wipes

Once your child is assigned to a tribe, teachers will send home information regarding additional supplies. During the year, teachers will send out requests for classroom supplies to use for special projects. This information can also be accessed on tribe web-sites.

Parent Communication

Each tribe has a website accessed by logging onto www.harris.k12.ga.us . Simply click on schools and then Creekside. Tribes are listed on the left of the screen. Tribe information pertaining to assignments, due dates, announcements, and more can be found here. A link to email any teacher is provided as well. Electronic communication is often easier & may get a response sooner to any questions or concerns you may have. Please provide your email address to your child's teachers. We strongly encourage the use of our electronic grade book (Parent Portal) that is accessible online to parents at any time. Teachers update grades regularly. Please contact Mrs. Chapman to sign up for Parent Portal.



Nine Weeks Exams

At the end of each nine weeks students will be given a nine weeks exam in each content area. Students will be given a study guide to help adequately prepare for the exam. Nine weeks exam constitute 10%-15% of the final average. The exam and answer sheet will not be returned to the student.

Homework

Students will have homework most nights. There will always be math to review, vocabulary terms to study, maps to review & science notes to study. Students will be given advance notice before tests/quizzes in order to study. Homework assignments will be written by the student in their agenda.

Discipline Policy

Student discipline will follow the guidelines of the Creekside Plan and Code of Conduct that includes a positive behavior intervention system called Character Chief Program.

Comprehensive Guidance Program

The transition to 6th grade brings anticipation, new opportunities and challenges. The Counselor's role is to help students to understand themselves, accept themselves, and to help them to make decisions that affect their lives. Students will have opportunities to explore college and career options. Counselors also work with parents and guardians to keep them aware of and involved in their student's planning. Counseling is delivered through Classroom Guidance, Short-term Individual Counseling Responsive Services, and System Support. The counselor is your point person for setting up meetings, accessing resources, and providing support with academic (SST/504) and social/emotional issues.



6th Grade Vaccination

All 6th grade students must have proof of immunization for the 2nd dose of Varicella on Georgia Form #3231. The immunization can be obtained at the local Health Department or your family physician.



6th Grade Parent Brochure 2017-2018

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