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English

Throughout the school year, sixth-grade English provides activities that incorporate writing, speaking, and listening skills. Units include the mechanics of capitalization and punctuation, parts of speech, subject and predicate skills, sentence recognition and improvement, paragraphing, and composition techniques. Students practice, reinforce and enrich these concepts by using all types of writing and creative endeavors. Communication skills are stressed.

Spelling

Spelling involves learning a new list of words each cycle. Spelling skills using vowel and consonant sounds are reviewed and extended. Some grammar and handwriting skills are included. Included in English grade.

Reading

Goals of sixth-grade reading are to extend the use of reading as a medium of learning and to help children discover the satisfaction and enjoyment found in books. Students also are taught strategies for independent reading through word study and comprehension skills, literary techniques, and various study skills. Although a basal reader is the core of the program, novels, scholastic magazines and other materials may be included.

Mathematics

Sixth-grade math involves a review of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, decimals and fractions. Measurement (standard and metric), geometry, ratio, proportion, percent, graphing and integers may also be covered. Emphasis is on problem solving and knowing how and why to use an operation.

Science

Explores the rudiments of physical, life and earth science. Concepts are enhanced by many laboratory activities. Emphasis is on the scientific method of problem solving and written scientific conclusions based on experimentation. Specific areas of study include cells and microbes, the nature of matter, oceanography, and forces and motion. Emphasis is on the individual and learning by discovery. Large and small group instruction is used for demonstrations, experiments, films and resource persons.

Social Studies

The sixth-grade social studies course centers around our neighbors, including Latin America and Canada. Students explore the geographical, historical and cultural aspects of our neighbors as they develop research, organization, map study and note-taking skills. The growing economic interdependence and contemporary problems shared by the countries in the Western Hemisphere are stressed and explored through exposure to current events.