

# Sixth Grade

6th graders are in the final phase of the classical trivium, the Grammar Stage, and are transitioning to the Logic Stage. Grammar and writing are employed to newer and greater depths. Recitation and the practice of grammar rules galvanize their understanding of the written word by looking at the parts of speech, their uses, proper punctuation, and diagramming of sentences to teach appropriate writing strategies and to use our written and spoken language more proficiently.

In history, students will be learning about the great men of Greece but will also study how their own great nation--how America came into existence, how our government came to be, who our founding fathers were, and examining the great documents that were created to rule our land. The study of our own history with the history of other democracies helps students to see the strengths, weaknesses, and obstacles that a nation will face. What's more beneficial than a student who knows their history? We want our students to be able to make wise decisions based off facts from our past!

## Things we learn:

### LANGUAGE ARTS

- 20 spelling words per week with practice Latin and Greek prefixes and Spanish and French derivations
- Third Form Latin
- Continued memorization, practice, and mastery of grammar skills

### COMPOSITION

- Chreia & Maxim: Level III of Classical Composition
- Explain and/or development truths in sayings by famous figures or proverbs in several different ways throughout an essay
- Learn to explain beyond listing just facts

### POETRY & LITERATURE

- Analysis of structure and style of poems written about America and nature
- Classic Literature: *The Trojan War*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *The Hobbit*

### ARITHMETIC

- Mult/Div more challenging fractions & decimals
- Using nonterminating decimals, equivalents, and proportions
- Working with percentages
- Geometry
- English and Metric measurements

### SCIENCE & HISTORY

- Study of plant morphology, taxonomy, photosynthesis, and respiration
- Learn to observe and classify nature
- Famous Men of Greece
- The Great Republic and the Thirteen Colonies

### BIBLE

- Review of Christian Studies I-III and all verses memorized
- Survey of the Bible