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## Middle School Program Sixth Grade Curriculum Guide

### **Bible - Purposeful Design**

The Purposeful Design Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.

*Our sixth graders focus on a New Testament survey, presenting major Bible concepts from the New Testament.*

### **Math – Bob Jones**

*Math 6* develops solid problem-solving skills in preparation for algebra, teaches methods of estimation, and familiarizes students with the use of calculators to solve math problems.

### **Writing - Lucy Calkins**

The Lucy Calkins sixth grade writing series consists of three units.

- Unit 1: Personal Narrative: Crafting Powerful Life Stories - helps students draw on their lives, learning strategies to generate meaningful story ideas, manage pace, elaborate on important scenes, and deepen insights. This unit especially emphasizes the importance of setting goals, practicing strategically, and aiming for high productivity.
- Unit 2: The Literary Essay: From Character to Compare/Contrast – students learn ways essayists generate ideas based on close readings of a text, learning strategies essayists use to gather, analyze, and explain evidence from the text to support their claims
- Unit 3: Research-Based Information Writing: Books, Websites, and Presentations - students begin by exploring the broad topic of teen activism in order to teach their readers about a topic, using increasingly sophisticated ways to draw on and structure information to explain a position or make a call to action

### **Grammar - Multisensory Grammar/Write Source Skills Book**

*Multisensory Grammar* provides a concrete, colorful method for teaching the functions of parts of speech and sentence structure. Routines are put into place for introducing and reinforcing the parts of speech, and strategies that promote students' use of fundamental grammar in oral and written expression.

The *Write Source Skillsbook* provides daily practice for grammar, usage and mechanics.

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**Spelling – Bob Jones**

*Spelling 6* presents a variety of spelling exercises, etymology sections, and studies of common Greek and Latin word roots. Spelling lists are arranged by groups of similar words to help students defeat common spelling errors.

**Reading – Bob Jones**

*Reading 6* engages students with a variety of character-building stories and classic literature selections. An emphasis on literary elements, higher-level thinking skills, and vocabulary enrichment provides a bridge to junior high literature classes.

Novels are also incorporated into the sixth grade curriculum each nine weeks:

*The BFG*, Roald Dahl

*The Great Little Madison*, Jean Fritz

*Island of the Blue Dolphins*, Scott O'Dell

*Number the Stars*, Lois Lowry

**History - Pearson**

Sixth grade students explore the cultures of the world in *Contemporary World Cultures*. Some of the cultures explored are North America, Central America and the Caribbean, South America, Europe, Russia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, North Africa and Southwest Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia and the Pacific.

**Science - Bob Jones**

In *Science*, students study the intricacies of cells and organisms, matter and energy, astronomy, heredity, the nervous system, and the immune system.

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