



Grade 6 News

Summer is almost here, but there's still much to learn! Our last few weeks together in 6th grade are going to be so bittersweet.

In ELA, we are reading the critically acclaimed novel *Holes*, by Louis Sachar. This book is the perfect last novel to read together this year, as it is an enjoyable mystery adventure, while also commenting on important social issues in American history. Students will be analyzing the text for figurative language, characterization, the role of setting, and much more. The 6th grade has grown immensely as writers this year, and they continue to impress with the short and long-term writing assignments that they accomplish.

In Math, we are completing our Statistics unit. Students are using mean, median and mode to describe the center of a set of data. They are discovering how to use mean absolute deviation and interquartile range to describe the variability of data. To culminate, they will be creating their own statistical question to survey their classmates, and use the data to make box plots, histograms and dot plots representing their data. They will be able to describe the data and analyze trends and patterns.

In Social Studies we have begun our final study on Ancient and Classical Rome. We are exploring the Italian Peninsula, and how the early settlers there were influenced by the geography as well as other groups of people in the area. Students will learn about the events and figures that led up to Rome becoming one of the greatest Empires of the ancient world, as well as how it slipped into decline.

In Science, we are closing the year with a study on Tectonic plates. Students will use maps, images, and informative articles to determine how the plates move, and what the resulting landforms look like.

In Religion, students have been studying the Old Testament all year. Finally, Old meets New as students learn about the incarnation of God on Earth. These last few weeks will see students studying the time that Jesus had on Earth, and the huge impact he left on the people then and now.

It has been an absolute joy to teach this 6th grade class. They are inquisitive, kind, resourceful students who I am going to miss dearly! It is amazing to see all the hard work of this crazy year come together. These students can solve an algebraic equation, write an argumentative essay, and analyze a primary document, all through a zoom meeting if need be. What a resilient bunch! I will never forget this year, as difficult at times as it was, I wouldn't trade it for anything. May you all have a blessed and restful summer. See you next year!