



# October 2019 Grade 6 Parent Newsletter



**RELIGION:** During the month of October we will discuss the effects of Original Sin, the Book of Genesis, patriarchs of faith, and the plan of the Israelites. During this month we will learn that Original Sin separates us from God, yet more importantly we learn God's forgiveness and love can overcome all evil. October is also one of the months we dedicate to Our Blessed Mother Mary.

**MATH 6-1:** During the month of October, we will finish Ch. 1. We will work on the topics of exponents, order of operation, and coordinate planes. Then we will begin Ch. 2 where students will learn how to simplify and evaluate mathematical expressions and equations. Students will have homework questions from their workbook, and/or worksheets. Quizzes will be given throughout each unit and tests will be given per chapter.

**MATH 6-2:** During the month of October, students will review how to multiply decimals and learn how to write and evaluate multiplication expressions. Quizzes will be given throughout each unit and tests will be given per chapter. Please make sure multiplication and division skills are reinforced at home on a daily basis.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS:** During the month of October, we will continue to work with our Journeys reader, as well as our study of grammar and writing. Our focus will include nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. The ITBS tests (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) will be administered. Please make sure your child comes to school with number 2 pencils.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** During the month of October, we will complete our topic of the origins of early civilizations. We will begin our next topic, Civilizations and Peoples of the Fertile Crescent. Throughout this unit, we will study the civilization of Mesopotamia, the first empires, the Assyrian and Persian empires, the Phoenicians, the origins and beliefs of Judaism, as well as the early history of the Jewish people.

**SCIENCE:** During the month of October, we will learn about states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases. We will also prepare for our Technology Day field trip to Adventureland. Our lab experiences will also demonstrate similar ideas.

**SPANISH:** We are off to a great start! Throughout the month of October we will practice how to greet people at different times of the day, introduce ourselves to others, and respond to classroom directions. Also, students begin using numbers, telling time, and identifying parts of the body.