



August 2019

Dear Sixth Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new school year. I am excited to begin school and to teach science to the sixth grade. We will be using a textbook called **Science Fusion**. In this first trimester of school, we will begin by discussing what Science is and some of the tools and methods that scientists use in their studies. We will also be learning about cells: what are living things made of, what are the different parts that make up the cell, the difference between plants and animal cells, and how living things are organized. By the end of the semester, I hope to have finished the Cells Unit.

There will be a couple of projects and lab activities throughout the year. The first project of the year students will be comparing and contrasting animal cells vs. plant cells. Time will be given in class for this project, but majority of the project will have to be done at home. I have many ideas within the curriculum that we could do as time allows.

They should learn their vocabulary within the first week of starting a new chapter because without that knowledge, concepts can be very difficult to understand. Children should spend up to 10 minutes each night reviewing their notes rather than waiting the night before a test to study.

I look forward to working with you this year. If you have any concerns and questions, please feel free to contact me at school or by email, gibbs@saintantoninus.org. My school webpage will contain future trimester newsletters and other important information needed for class. Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gibbs