



**LEGACY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

6TH GRADE

**CURRICULUM
OVERVIEW**

2018-2019

Welcome to the Great Adventure of Life with Christ

Legacy Christian Academy Middle School

6th Grade

Legacy students have loving and experienced guides in the 6th Grade teaching team; they are committed to helping your children build both the important academic skills they need for their futures AND the character they need to succeed in life. Below are some of the distinctive ways we engage with students to make that happen.

As a part of “The Great Adventure”, we commit to the following promises:

- We will **KNOW** your child
- We will **LOVE** your child
- We will **PREPARE** your child

Love & Logic

At Legacy, we know that every child is part of a family, and caring about families is important to us. As a *Love and Logic* school, we focus on helping children develop personal responsibility, self-control and good decision making skills by nurturing long-term relationships and reinforcing good character.

Does your child have GRIT?

It is good for us all to experience hard things, including our children. Those hard things could be academic, relational, social, athletic or even spiritual. Research is now showing that the most successful adults have something called **GRIT** - that ability to withstand difficulties and use those experiences help them forge ahead when future difficulties arise. Intermediate School provides a valuable opportunity for students to begin to develop **GRIT**.

Growth (seeing difficulties as growth opportunities)

Resilience (being able to get up after a setback)

Intuition (knowing when to hold ‘em and when to fold ‘em)

Tenacity (the ability to push forward through difficulty into the future)

Strengths

Have you ever wondered why you do the things you do, that are completely opposite to the way someone else likes to do it? That is the way it is supposed to be. God has made each of us uniquely, with our individual strengths. Intermediate School introduces students to the concept of Strengths by taking an individual assessment. Once the strengths are identified, over the course of time in Middle School, we take opportunities to recognize and develop strengths in the students.

Trailblazers

All 6th grade students participate in a small group Bible study led by 8th grade leaders. The gender specific groups meet every other Thursday during school. This is an important time for the students as they develop relationships with each other and their older, mentor students.

6th Grade Curriculum

LANGUAGE ARTS

Focus: Sixth grade Language Arts is divided into four different areas of study: grammar, spelling/vocabulary, literature and writing.

Grammar and spelling/vocabulary will be ongoing units

Vocabulary and Spelling

Literature and writing:

- First quarter- short stories, poetry and personal narrative
- Second quarter- The Giver by Lois Lowry and literary analysis
- Third quarter- The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom, persuasive writing and a visit to the Holocaust museum
- Fourth quarter- Research paper over the Holocaust, persuasive writing

Resources: *Abeka Language Series, Analytical Grammar*

MATH

Focus:

- Whole Numbers and Decimals
- Number Theory, Fraction Concepts, and Operations
- Statistics and Graphing
- Algebra: Integers and Rational Numbers
- Algebra: Expressions, Equations, Patterns, and Graphing
- Geometry and Spatial Reasoning
- Measurement
- Ratio, Proportion, Percent, and Probability

The sixth grade math program is national standards based. We blend the use of our math program and technology to offer a purposeful and positive math education.

Resources:

Students have both a hardback and ebook available. Aleks is the online math program that is provided to each student as an individual support to math learning. *HSP Math* Harcourt School Publishers

SCIENCE

Focus: Classification, Table of Elements, States of Matter, Fluids, Earth, Astronomy

Every unit of study integrates the wonder of the created world with a Biblical worldview. Our curriculum uses the student's natural God-given curiosity to engage them in investigating, observing, and thinking about the world around them.

Resources: *Choices-6* by ACSI Purposeful Design

HISTORY

Focus: Sixth grade history focuses on the Eastern Hemisphere. Our study begins in the Fertile Crescent, the cradle of civilization. Geography studies will be woven throughout the year and include map work, landforms, bodies of water, and climate.

Resources: *Old World History and Geography*, Abeka Publishers

BIBLE

Focus: celebrating discipleship as God's blueprint for victorious living

- Bringing the Bible to Life
- God--Up Close and Personal
- Standing Above the Crowd
- After God's Own Heart

Resources:

Holy Bible

Our memory work will come from verses pertaining to the nature of God. Sixth grade's verses constitute one fourth of a "tool kit" of memorized Scripture that all intermediate level students will carry with them into high school.

6th GRADE ENRICHMENT COURSES

6th Grade PE

PE at Legacy is structured to develop a love for life-long physical fitness through organized games and activities.

6th Grade Technology / Character Strong

In 6th grade all students participate in a weekly technology class that through the course of the year will be covering basic keyboarding and computer skills along with coding. In addition to this the students will be focusing on character development. Each week they will be learning about the importance of character and the positive impact it can have for ourselves and those around us.

Studio 6 Art Lab

Studio 6 begins the first full year of visual art instruction for students who have elected to enroll in only one fine art for the full year. These young artists will learn the basic skills for realistic drawing and painting in a variety of media, as well as 2-D graphic design and 3-D ceramics and construction. Highlights of the year include Christmas chandeliers and Impressionist clay-paintings. The students will compile a portfolio of their work throughout the year.

6th Grade Band-Beginning Band

Throughout the year students will learn basic music theory, sight reading, and music history. Students will be able to create a characteristic instrumental sound on their chosen instrument and be able to perform in multiple parts in an ensemble setting. Students will perform at concerts and festivals and will have the opportunity to take private lessons and perform at solo competitions in the spring if they choose.

Performing Arts Class

Students will experience all performing arts. They learn extensively about Drama, Comedy, Musical Theatre and Choral Arts. Students visit a retirement home bringing their gifts to entertain the residents.