

LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
6TH GRADE



2019-2020
**CURRICULUM
OVERVIEW**

Legacy Christian Academy Middle School 6th Grade

Middle School all about “**Inspiring Students to The Great Adventure of Life with Christ.**” The Great Adventure is not just the one-time event of accepting Christ for salvation, but it is learning to follow where Jesus leads with the understanding that He has a Great Adventure in store for those who love and follow Him.

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

Your children have loving and experienced guides in the 6th Grade teaching team and 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 ways we engage with students to make that happen.

LOVE and 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. We urge parents to become familiar with Love and Logic parenting techniques - they will pay great dividends down the road. Please go to www.loveandlogic.com and sign up for the Insider’s Club, the free, weekly parenting email.

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.

G - Growth (seeing difficulties as growth opportunities)

R - Resilience (being able to get up after a setback)

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

T - 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. Middle 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 groups will meet every other Friday during school. This is an important time for the students as they develop relationships with each other and some older students and also cover some basic discipleship material.

LCA YOU

As Legacy embraces the goal to educate the whole child, we are excited to expand our middle school curriculum to include classes designed to equip your children to be successful beyond the world of Legacy and academics. Our LCA YOU program will be taught on Legacy half days, and will include 64 classes across grades 5th-8th, addressing the following domains: Study Skills, Aspire practice, Mental Health Awareness, Physical Health, Personal Relationships, Strengths, Finances, Technology, and Team Building. We at Legacy desire for all children to gain a better understanding of themselves and the world around them. We desire all children to find their purpose in life and use that purpose to glorify God. LCA YOU will give them additional tools to do just that!!

Parent Education Program (PEP Talks)

We are excited this year to partner more closely with our parents as you strive to do the most difficult and yet honorable job afforded to mankind: the job of raising Godly young adults for the next generation. Join us for 6 PEP talks that will encourage, equip and inspire you. Have a night out and enjoy a delicious meal while hearing from experts in the field of parenting such as Tony Evans, Chip Ingram and Gary Chapman. Spend time interacting with your campus' counselor and other parents while learning and practicing new skills. Be prepared to bring change to your home.

Resolving Differences (Matthew 18)

As long as there are people, there will be differences of opinion and misunderstandings. Jesus has great advice for us on how to walk through these kinds of situations in Matthew 18. We teach the students this biblical process and use it as a faculty. Jesus outlines this pattern for working through a conflict between two people:

1. Go directly and privately to the person and talk it out.
2. If that doesn't resolve it, bring in a friend who can help with the discussion.
3. If that doesn't clear things up, ask someone in authority for help.

We encourage parents to guide their children in walking through relationship difficulties using this biblical pattern, and we also encourage parents to use this process if you have questions or concerns with other families or your children's teachers.

Social Media & Technology

One of the greatest challenges we face at school is with technology. Left unmonitored, students can easily gravitate to those things which are not helpful and potentially very harmful. As parents, we cannot afford to be asleep at the wheel on this one. Be mindful that online misconduct can result in disciplinary action at school, and potentially even legal repercussions for students (see Handbook for further clarification). Take whatever steps are necessary to monitor your child's online activities, including social media. Set firm boundaries, provide consequences and if a boundary continues to be crossed, the first consequence wasn't the right consequence.

In regard to the moving target of social media, not only can students be exposed to harmful material, it is an easy platform for students to hurt other students, both, intentionally or unintentionally. Regardless of the intention, as parents, we need to educate and train our children in how to act responsibly online.

Conduct

As a school, we have established our classroom rules to reflect our commitment to unity and consistency. We want to teach the students how to think and solve their own problems, a life-long skill that increases their ability to make appropriate decisions. We realize that our parents are integral to the success of this plan, and we ask for your support and commitment as we partner together. For more information go to: www.loveandlogic.com.

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. Literature and writing:

- First quarter-- short stories, poetry, fiction, and personal narrative
- Second quarter--Hatchet by Gary Paulsen, literary analysis, informational texts, and comparison/contrast
- Third quarter--The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom, informational texts, 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 math program is national standards based. We blend the use of our math program and technology to offer a purposeful and positive math education. Students have both a hardback and ebook available. Aleks is the online math program that has been provided to each student as an individual support to math learning. Students will be asked to complete 8 topics weekly, to be completed by Friday evening.

Resources: *HSP Math* Harcourt School Publishers

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. Additional resources: coolmath.com, khanacademy.com, mathisfun.com and purplemath.com

***Students will need their own TI-30XIIS calculator throughout the year as well as for 7th grade.**

Science

Focus:

Unit 1- Classification I	Unit 7- Fluids
Unit 2- Classification II	Unit 10- Rock Records
Unit 5- Periodic Table of Elements	Unit 11- Violent Motions
Unit 6- States of Matter	

The name of the Science curriculum, Purposeful Design, relates to the creative work of God's creation. *Every unit of study integrates the wonder of the created world with a Biblical worldview. It 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

Bible

Focus: Students will celebrate 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

In addition we will learn about the power of the tongue for blessing or for hurt. We will discuss practical ways to use words for good in our daily interaction with others, as we rely on the Holy Spirit to help us. Our memory work will come from verses pertaining to the nature of God. Sixth grade's verses will constitute one fourth of a "tool kit" of memorized Scripture that all intermediate level students will carry with them into high school.

Resources :*Holy Bible*

History

Focus: Sixth grade history focuses on the Eastern Hemisphere. Study begins in the Fertile Crescent, the cradle of civilization. We will then expand our focus to the rest of the Middle East, central Asia, and the Far East. We will delve into ancient Egypt and then take a tour around the rest of Africa. Our study of Europe takes an extended look at Ancient Greece, the Roman Empire, the Middle Ages and Great Britain. We will also study Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica. 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

6th Grade Enrichment Courses

6th Grade PE

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

6th Grade Technology

Focus: In 6th grade, students participate in a weekly technology class that focuses on keyboarding skills, computer skills, coding, digit citizenship and safety, and identifying fake and real information on the internet. Assignments are completed during class time.

6th Grade Latin

Focus:

- Study Greek and Latin roots and prefixes in order to:
 - Use affixes and bases to understand the meaning of a word.
 - Describe the function of root words, prefixes, and suffixes.
 - Create new words by adding prefixes and suffixes to root words.
 - Apply prefix and suffix knowledge to increase vocabulary understanding and reading comprehension.
- Memorize and recite Pater Noster and selected scripture.
- Study Numbers and colors in Latin.
- Read and translate various Aesop's Fables, children's books, and nursery rhymes from Latin to English

6th Grade Fine Art Options

Studio 6 Art

Focus: 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.

6th Grade Band-Beginning Band

Focus: 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.

6th Grade Choir

Focus: 6th grade choir is combined with 7th and 8th grade to make one large choir. This allows the students to learn more advanced pieces while having a bigger sound. During the year, the students will learn music theory, vocal technique, music history, performance tips and music technology. The choir will perform a variety of music at concerts and competitions. This year, students will have the opportunity to form small ensembles that sing in chapel giving them the opportunity for practical experience that they can carry into future ministry.

Drama/Theater

Focus: Students will experience all performing arts. They will learn extensively about Drama, Comedy, Musical Theatre and Choral Arts.

6th Grade Field Trips

Sky Ranch (4 Days)

Tuesday, November 5th - Friday, November 8th

The Dallas Holocaust Museum
In-House Science Field Trip

Spring