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6TH GRADE CORE LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES

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DEGREES

Masters in Religion, Spiritual Formation from Northwest Nazarene University

BA in History, Secondary Education from Missouri Western State University

EXPERIENCE

3 years in Teaching

15 years as a Children's Pastor

STUDENTS' SERVING OTHERS PROJECTS

Sixth Grade Class Service Project

Amor Trip (build house in Mexico)

Feed My Starving Children (meal packing)

6TH GRADE CORE

Sixth grade is a time of change and growth. Sixth grade students desire to know that they are loved and valued. At Casas, students learn through developmentally appropriate strategies and differentiated lessons designed to target what the students need to learn in the way that is best for them. Our standards meet or exceed the state standards.

Students discover how the Lord has worked in history, and connect peoples' concerns in the past with the concerns, events, and issues of today. In sixth grade, the history content focuses on the beginning of civilizations through to the Renaissance in Europe. Students complete a variety of enriching activities to strengthen their creativity and grow in their use of learning strategies to apply as life-long learners.

In language arts, care is taken to help develop each students' love for reading. Some of the novels studies correlate with the history units to enrich the students' understanding of the period. Other novel studies are chosen based upon literary excellence to strengthen students' skills as readers, writers, and critical thinkers.

Regardless of the genre, every novel study challenges the students to consider things through a biblical worldview and to communicate with excellence (whether giving a presentation, writing in different domains, or collaborating with others). Most grammar instruction is given in the context of the student's own writing. Students are taught and challenged in all of the Six-Traits and practice writing different styles of poetry.

EXAMPLES OF NOVEL STUDIES

(Due to differentiation, the list will vary by student)

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, Golden Goblet, A Christmas Carol, The Bronze Bow, Hangman's Curse, Sign of the Beaver, The Cay, Redwall, Phantom Tollbooth

HISTORY TEXT

World History: Ancient Civilizations Through the Renaissance by Holt McDougal