



# Zion Lutheran School

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## Zion Lutheran School Sixth Grade Overview

**Religion:** We use the Concordia Publishing House Series Voyages: Exploring God's Word. We have weekly memory work which includes a Bible verse and a catechism section along with memorizing the books of the Bible. The curriculum focuses the students may grow through the grace of God in their abilities to:

- Know God as a loving and forgiving God.
- Develop and grow in their faith and ministry
- See themselves as redeemed children of God and important members of God's family
- Live happily in peace as Gods children with the hope of eternal in heaven
- Express their faith in worship and loving service to God and others
- Value God's creation

The series focuses mainly on Old Testament stories with a brief section on the life of Christ.

**Spelling:** We use the Scott Foresman series. They will cover an array of different groups of words based on a spelling pattern. They will have a weekly test of words for the lesson of the week.

**Reading:** Sixth grade reading utilizes the Scott Foresman Reading Series. The students are exposed to a wide variety of literature including: poems, plays, non-fiction, and fiction. In addition, at least one full length novel is also studied.

**Language Arts:** We use The Shurley Method. Sixth graders identify and compose sentences based on sentence parts. They concentrate on grammar skills and writing proper sentences. New vocabulary words along with definitions, synonyms, and antonyms are introduced on a regular basis. Writing paragraphs and essays are a part of our writing process along with journaling.

**Math:** Prentice Hall books, to go with the series taught at Lincoln Community High School, have been adopted for the 2007-2008 school year. Students are taught at their level in groups.

**Social Studies:** Students use the Macmillan/McGraw Hill textbook entitled The World. Units covered include Early History, The Ancient World, New Forces in the World, The World Expands and Changes, and A Stormy Century. Students prepare projects for a biennial school History Fair, with the opportunity to qualify for the Regional History Fair sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

**Science:** Students learn the scientific method, study space, biology, genetics, ecology, weather, chemistry, and forces. Students participate in a biennial science fair.

**Art:** Sixth graders have art instruction once a week. They learn the elements of art (line, shape, form, color, texture, composition, and perspective). They also learn about the techniques used by many different famous artists. Developing their creativity is also an integral part of the art curriculum.

**Music:** The sixth graders have a choice of participating in music appreciation class or chorus twice a week with the opportunity to be in band and have lessons. They are involved once through out the year in the school musical and also sing at Zion several times through out the year.

**Physical Education:** Sixth graders have PE three times a week. They participate in activities to enhance their strength, endurance, and flexibility. They participate in individual and team sports. Cooperation and good sportsmanship are also taught as key components.

**Computer:** Students have computer lab twice a week. They concentrate mainly on typing skills using the Mavis Beacon program. Spreadsheets, word processing skill, and power points are also skills that are taught. Students also use the computers to reinforce skills from other subject areas and complete projects using the computers.

**Outdoor Education:** Sixth graders participate in a three-day outdoor education experience at Camp CILCA in Cantrall, Illinois. Team building, nature activities and physical education are among the activities. Some years, a combined outdoor education is held for both fifth and sixth graders .