



Welcome to Grade 6

Contact Information: School: 570-668-2757

Teacher: Mrs. Beth Williams

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Updated Safety: Please review the SJRS COVID-19 Safety Plan. During the first week of school and continuing until needed, we will be discussing the policies in place to keep everyone safe. Part of the new routine will require students to have extra face masks in their bookbags as well as hand sanitizer and tissues to be kept at their desks.

School Supplies: The needed materials are currently posted on the sixth-grade website. Please bring all supplies to school the first day. This year all students need a milk crate. Due to social distancing and limiting the amount of movement within the classroom, all textbooks must be kept at each student's desk. Students have five large textbooks, numerous copybooks and folders, and additional stationery supplies that cannot fit within their desks. Therefore, the crate will be utilized to store materials. Lockers that are located within our room will not be accessible. Each student's books, bookbag, coat, and personal belongings must be contained within his/her immediate desk area. It will be especially important that everyone follows directions and is responsible for keeping workspaces neat and organized. Please have all workbooks covered in contact paper by Friday, September 18.

Water/Snacks/Lunch: Everyone is encouraged to bring their own water bottle. The water fountains will be turned off. Please make sure the containers are spill proof and that they are only filled with water. Sports drinks, soda, or juice pouches are not permitted to be used throughout the day. During morning snack or lunch, alternate drinks can be used. Lunch will be in the classroom until

further notice. During the first week of school, please make sure each student has a packed lunch. The hot lunch program begins September 8. Desks will be sanitized after snack and lunch. Again, please recognize that desk areas need to be well-maintained in order to eat and work. Due to COVID-19 safety restrictions, food items such as birthday treats or snacks will not be able to be shared at school this year.

Technology Use: Students may bring their own laptop, I pad, or notebook to school. Phones are not permitted. There is available technology for each student when needed, but if students prefer to work on their own devices, they may bring them from home. There is no space to charge or store their laptops throughout the day, so if the decision is made to bring one from home, please have it charged and stored safely.

Schedule: Specials will be daily from 9:50- 10:20.

Monday- gym	Ms. Daukshus	ldaukshus@sjrschool.com
Tuesday- STEM	Ms. Daukshus	
Wednesday- music	Mr. Cressley	ccmusic@ptd.net
Thursday- art	Mrs. Odorizzi	kathyodorizzi@gmail.com
Friday – Mass		
Reading/ Science	Mrs. Purin	apurin@sjrschool.com

Students will not be switching classes as of this time. Mrs. Purin will come daily to our classroom to teach reading and science. I teach religion, math, social studies, and language arts.

Content Areas for Mrs. Williams:

Religion: Old Testament- notes are taken daily from power point or board and need to be reviewed frequently. Copybooks should be orderly and are often checked for completeness and accuracy. The use of essential questions will be explained and will begin after the first month of school.

Math: Review of fractions; four operations using decimals; place value; expressions and equations; integers; ratio and percent, geometry. Expect written work daily and there will be a modified form of math maintenance daily.

Social Studies: Map skills; Stone Age; Mesopotamia; early civilizations; ancient Egypt; ancient Greece; ancient Rome. Review and study notes frequently. Tests are always announced and posted on the homework website in plenty of time to prepare.

Language Arts: English- grammar/diagramming/writing. Written work will be assigned daily.

Spelling- 20 list words introduced on Friday; 5 x each due Tuesday; tested on Thursday

Grading: All grades will be posted on option C. Please refer to this site as tests are not sent home. If there is a question about a grade, please feel free to contact me via email.

Homework, class work, and tests as well as class projects in various areas are combined in order to report an average. Subjects are weighted as follows to determine a grade:

Religion: tests: 60%
class work: 20%
essential questions: 20%

Math: tests: 60%
class work: 15%
maintenance: 15%
homework: 10%

Social Studies: tests: 65%
class work: 25%
homework: 10%

Language Arts: English tests: 50% class work: 15%
Spelling tests: 25% homework: 10%

Incomplete assignments: Class work that is not finished or homework that is incomplete will result in a mark on the student's conduct folder. I will relay that information to parents via an email to eliminate the need of carrying paperwork from school to home. An accumulation of five or more marks in a marking period will result in points being deducted from the grade.

Absences: Please call the school office (570)668-2757 the morning of the absence. A note about the child's absence is also needed upon returning to school. An effort will be made to send missed work home with a sibling. However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, work will not be sent with friends or neighbors. Missed assignments can be completed upon returning to school in a timely manner.

Uniforms: Uniforms should be worn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Gym uniforms or school spirit wear may be worn on Mondays and Thursdays. For specific questions about the dress code policy, please refer to the Parent Resources page on the school website.

Communication: Please do not hesitate to contact me through email if there is a concern or question. I often do not have time to respond during the school day, but I will make every effort to address your concerns after school. If there is an urgent message such as a change in pickup or dismissal time or an emergency, please call the office. Homework assignments and the test schedule will be posted on google classroom. Students will not be using the school homework planner this year to record assignments so it's important to check the website daily. Adequate time will be provided at the end of each school day to pack materials so students should come home with what they need. Additionally, time will be allotted to begin/complete homework during school.

Lastly: I am truly looking forward to the start of another school year. Many changes are in place for us, but with encouragement and open communication I believe we can continue to follow our mission statement by Living Fearlessly Through Faith.