



**WELCOME TO 6TH GRADE!**

**ST MICHAEL-  
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**2020-2021**

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING	9:15-9:45
PERIOD 1	9:45-10:35
PERIOD 2	10:40-11:10
LUNCH/RECESS	11:15-11:45
PERIOD 2	11:45-12:05
PERIOD 3	12:10-1:00
PERIOD 4	1:05-1:55
PERIOD 5	2:00-2:50
WIN/CHECKOUT	2:50-3:05

## HELPING YOUR 6TH GRADER

- Check your child's planner on a consistent basis.
- Use teacher websites to see what is being done in each class as well as assignments given.
- Help your child develop positive academic habits by modeling study skills and encouraging independence and self-advocacy.
- Encourage your child to meet with his/her teacher if s/he needs additional assistance.
- Replenish your child's school supplies throughout the year (especially pencils).

PLEASE CHECK **PARENTVUE** ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR UPDATES ON STUDENT GRADES AND MISSING WORK.

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## HOMEWORK & GRADING

### Language Arts

Homework will be assigned periodically to reinforce skills taught in class.

Grades will be figured as follows: 20%

Practice Assignments, 80% Assessments

### Social Studies

Homework will be assigned periodically to reinforce skills taught in class. Grades will

be figured as

follows: 20% Practice Assignments, 80% Assessments

### Math

Students will be given approximately 7-8 tests and/or quizzes each trimester.

Homework will be assigned approximately 4

days per week. Grades will be figured as

follows: 20% Practice Assignments, 80% Assessments

### Science

Assignments will be given to reinforce lab-based activities and concepts presented in

class. Assessments will consist of lesson

quizzes and end of unit tests and projects.

Grades will be figured as follows: 20%

Practice Assignments, 80% Assessments

In the case of a student with a 504 plan or IEP, those documents will always supersede other grade-level policies.

### Grading Scale

A = 90 - 100%

B = 80 - 89%

C = 70 - 79%

D = 60 - 69%

F = Below 60%

# CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

K.O.R.T. stands for "Knights of the Round Table." During KORT, students in grades 5,6,7, & 8 listen to announcements, set reading goals, have reading time, and participate in Character Education lessons as well as community building activities.

Language Arts coursework includes word study, reading strategies, and writing and is directly aligned with the Minnesota state standards. Reading curriculum covers a combination of novels and short stories from a variety of sources.

Social Studies students in 6th grade will learn about Minnesota's history, geography, and government.

Math curriculum for middle school is Prentice Hall Mathematics. In sixth grade, we use the Course 1 book. Topics include whole numbers and decimals, fractions, introduction to variables, and geometry.

Science-- this is an introductory year in physical science. There are four units including: matter and energy; motion and forces; waves, sound, and light; and engineering. Online textbook, digital lessons, and virtual labs can be found at [www.thinkcentral.com](http://www.thinkcentral.com).

Keyboarding students spend a majority of the time working on improving their keyboarding skills and computer skills. Students will also learn tools in the applications of PowerPoint, Excel, and Word. Also, students will have an experience coding.

Art classes will study the Elements and Principles of Art. Students will use a variety of different mediums and techniques to create both 2D and 3D pieces of artwork.

Physical Education Sixth grade physical education will emphasize a variety of activities/sports and fitness development along with sportsmanship.

Band is a year-long Responsive Hour course where students learn the basics of their chosen band instrument through small group lessons and full group settings. We have two concerts per year. Students will need an instrument 1st trimester for lessons.

Choir is a year-long Responsive Hour course where students learn basic choral skills, vocal development, and music theory. We have three concerts per year.