

6TH GRADE

Students entering the 6th grade are required to read the two books below and be ready to test on them when returning to school in the fall. **Returning students will test on Friday, August 14, 2026. New students will test on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.**

- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You by Barthe DeClements

Required Bible Reading:

*The selection below will help to prepare your heart and mind for your 6th grade Bible Class

- **Genesis 1–2** – The Creation account (core foundation of worldview)
- **Genesis 3** – The Fall (understanding sin and brokenness)
- **Psalm 8** – God’s majesty and man’s place in creation
- **Psalm 19** – Creation declaring God’s glory
- **Colossians 1** – Christ as Creator and sustainer

Focus: Understanding God as Creator, identity, and truth

7TH GRADE

Students entering the 7th grade are required to read the two books below and be ready to test on them when returning to school in the fall. **Returning students will test on Friday, August 14, 2026. New students will test on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.**

- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle (not the graphic novel)
- The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

Required Bible Reading:

*The selection below will help to prepare your heart and mind for your 7th grade Bible Class

- **Genesis 12** – God’s covenant with Abraham
- **Exodus 3** – God calls Moses
- **Exodus 20** – The Ten Commandments
- **Joshua 24** – “Choose this day whom you will serve”
- **1 Samuel 17** – David and Goliath (faith in action)
- **2 Samuel 7** – God’s covenant with David

Focus: Big-picture understanding of the Old Testament storyline

8TH GRADE

Students entering the 8th grade are required to read the two books below and be ready to test on them when returning to school in the fall. **Returning students will test on Friday, August 14, 2026. New students will test on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.**

- Gentle Ben by Walt Morey
- The Giver by Lois Lowry

Required Bible Reading:

*The selection below will help to prepare your heart and mind for your 8th grade Bible Class

- Psalm 1 – The blessing of meditating on God’s Word
- Joshua 1 – Courage and obedience through Scripture
- Proverbs 3 – Trusting the Lord daily
- Hebrews 1 - The express image of God shows up in Jesus
- Hebrews 11- God’s faithfulness to his covenant promises
- Isaiah 53 – Prophecy of Christ’s sacrifice
- Jeremiah 31 – Promise of the New Covenant
- Micah 6 – What the Lord requires (justice, mercy, humility)

Focus: Daily Bible reading, hearing God, and connecting the Old Testament to Christ

Please note: Audible books are not allowed for summer reading. Students need practice with comprehension of texts through the practice of sustained reading time.