

# Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Curriculum Overview

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## Grade 6

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## Kindergarten – 6th Grade Curriculum

Our goal at Illinois Lutheran is to educate the whole student academically, spiritually and physically. It is our privilege to currently have over 140 students enrolled in our preschool through 6th grade classes. For nearly a century we have provided Christ-centered education for children of the south Chicago suburbs, serving as an extension of the home and a partner with the church in providing Christian education.

### Elementary Academics

As a Lutheran school, our goal is to proclaim, teach, and apply faithfully the Word of God in all courses of instruction in keeping with the Holy Scriptures. In doing so, we strive to meet or exceed guidelines provided by the State of Illinois and the Wisconsin

### Our Mission

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Illinois Lutheran Schools provides a quality, Christian education to students of the Church and community and the world by nurturing and reaching souls for time and eternity.

### Illinois Lutheran Elementary School

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## Religion/Word of God

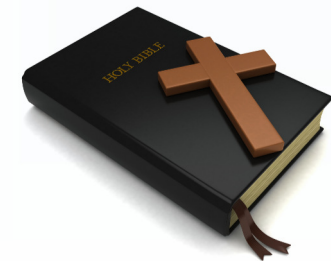
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### ChristLight

- Christ-Light studies the major stories of the Bible in chronological order. The study alternates between Old and New Testament stories. Applying the lessons of these stories to the lives of the students is a very important part of this class.

### Catechism/Faith Foundations

- Catechism/Faith Foundations studies the six main teachings of Christian doctrine as found in Luther's Catechism. The Grade 6 curriculum focuses mainly on The Apostle's Creed, The Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. As in Christ-Light, applications of the Catechism lessons to the student's life is a vital part of this class.
- The study of Christian hymns and selected Bible passages is also part of this class.



## Reading & Language Arts

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The study of reading in Grade 6 continues on the reading skills built in earlier grades. A variety of fiction and non-fiction resources are used to teach skills such as sequencing, fact and opinion, plot, setting, and climax. Spelling/vocabulary words from the reading selections help students increase their personal vocabulary.



### English

Grade 6 English continues building on the skills of students learned in earlier grades.

Students study:

- The six basic parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, and preposition).
- Writing and using complex verb phrases and identifying tenses.
- Writing activities include personal narratives, opinion paragraphs, and persuasive paragraphs.
- The culminating activity includes the preparation of a research paper including title page, outline and bibliography.

## Social Studies

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In Grade 6 the students focus on world geography. Students study countries using textbooks, computer resources, and a number of video “field trips”.

During the class they become familiar with the physical, economic, and social geography of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Latin America, and Canada.

This study includes frequent map quizzes for the different areas of the world.



## Mathematics

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### Saxon Math

Saxon Math is used throughout Illinois Lutheran Elementary School. Highlights of the Grade 6 curriculum include:

- Work with fractions, decimals, and percents.
- Introduction to ratios and proportions.
- Working with fractions and mixed numbers.
- Problem-solving using multiple steps and different operations.
- Investigations exploring statistics, graphing, number sense, and geometric solids.



## Science and Health

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Grade 6 Science continues studying the three basic areas of science: Earth Science, Life Science, and Physical Science.

- Earth science stresses study of the solar system and changes to the earth’s crust.
- Physical science focuses upon matter, electricity, magnetism, and motion.
- The main areas in life science include the basic study of plants, animals, and genetics.
- Students also study basic elements, chemical names, and compounds.



## Fine Arts

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### Music

Grade 6 students have the opportunity to experience personal musical performance and basic musicianship skills including notation and theory.

Students continue to explore music through the study of composers throughout history.



### Art

During the Grade 6 art class students experience both two and three-dimensional projects using multiple different media.

This would include studying the art themes of line, shape, color, shading, shadow, and media.

## Technology

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Our Sixth Grade students have access to Chromebooks at a 1:1 level. With them we learn:

- Proper formatting of documents using margins, tabs, and spacing. This will also include the introduction to the ILS Style Guide used at our Junior/Senior High School campus.
- Use of external media storage devices.
- Practice online etiquette.
- Continued practice in basic keyboarding skills.

## Physical Education

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The physical education class for Grade 6 concentrates on helping students build life-long fitness skills as well as using several sports to develop an understanding of rules, self-control, and physical coordination. These sports include track, flag football, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, and bowling.