

Activity Descriptions

Sixth Grade

Activities/Electives:

Description

Art Club	In this hands-on study of various artistic media (ex. clay, plaster and tempera paint), students will create and produce works which model traditional and modern artistic techniques, while reflecting each student's unique style. A combination of art history, artistic design, and analysis, this activity provides a vehicle for additional means of expression beyond the basic middle school art curriculum.
Board Games	Apply your thinking skill to a variety of board games. Play with one friend or a bunch of friends. Games such as Monopoly, Checkers, Scrabble and many more are available.
Sports Videos	Students will explore the history of sports through stories and highlights of magical moments that occurred through the history in the sport's world.
Student Council (Full year - count as 2 blocks)	This club offers you the opportunity to be involved in school functions and activities in a leadership role. Students will plan, organize and work at the fifth and sixth grade activity nights. They will run fundraisers as well as charity and community events. Sixth grade student council members are selected through an essay process. Students are given a question to answer related to their leadership skills, social skills, and work habits. The essays are read by the sixth grade teachers for selection. There are approximately 15 students selected.
Study Hall	This is an opportunity for students to work independently on projects, and homework within the school day. Students may also use this time to sign out to use the Library or Computer lab to complete assignments.
Walk and Talk	Take brisk walks to improve cardiovascular health. Chat along the way with friends and teacher.

Electives (Graded Classes)

Band (Full year - count as 2 blocks)	Instrumental music includes two concerts and various other performances throughout the year. Students will receive one in-school lesson per 6-day cycle and will receive a letter grade each marking period based on lesson and performance attendance, musical progress, as well as attitude and responsibility within the group.
Chorus (Full year – count as 2 blocks)	Chorus is an elective course designed for students who enjoy singing and desire to improve their music and singing skills. Similar to band, two chorus groups are offered, one for fifth and sixth grade students and one for seventh and eighth grade students. Each chorus will perform two concerts and various other performances throughout the year. Emphasis is placed on the following: 1) two and three-part harmonization 2) sight-reading 3) improving vocal skills and techniques 4) experiencing various styles of choral music. All middle school students are eligible to participate. Chorus is an elective class that is held all year. Students will receive a grade for each marking period. Part of the grade is based on participation at both the winter and spring concerts. Participation in all concerts and performance events are required of all students electing to take band and/or chorus.

Assigned Classes (Not Graded)

Math Enrichment	This is an assigned class designed to address the needs of students who have received a “Below Basic” or “Basic” score on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) test in Math.
Reading Enrichment	This an assigned class designed to address the needs of students who have received a “Below Basic” or “Basic” score on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) test in Reading.
Structured Study Hall	This is a specially designed study hall with Learning Support Teachers to address the IEP needs of students.