

J. E. Cosgriff Memorial School
6th grade Religion Disclosure Statement
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Dear Students and Parents,

I am excited to be a part of your sixth grade school year as your Religion teacher, and I am looking forward to growing in faith while building a strong community of learners. I received my B.S. degree from Illinois State University in 2011 with a focus in middle level language arts. This will be my seventh year teaching, as well as my fourth year at Cosgriff. In addition to sixth grade Religion, I teach eighth grade language arts, seventh grade social studies, and help facilitate Youth Group.

My goal for sixth graders this year, regardless of personal religious affiliations, is to further develop their faith by writing to learn and interacting with texts collaboratively in an ongoing faith literacy notebook. In sixth grade, we will read, study, and interpret the Old Testament (prophets and covenants), and the greatest commandments of God. Religion will be conducted as an extension of Language Arts. Students will be interacting with the Old Testament, Scripture, and prayer independently and with their peers via reading comprehension, writing, listening, and speaking tasks. Sixth graders are encouraged to come to class with ongoing questions and concerns, as this helps our class grow into a trusting community.

My classroom conduct expectations coincide with Mrs. Newman's. Respect, honesty, and preparation are expected at all times in order to grow and maintain a comfortable learning environment. Class is held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:20 - 9:05 in Mrs. Newman's classroom.

One late homework assignment will be accepted with a 20% reduction in score until the Friday following the due date. A late homework pass was given to students the first day of school, and must be stapled to the assignment to receive partial credit. No credit will be given for any additional late assignments. Make-up work must be completed within one week of returning to school.

Students' grades will fall into two categories. Major assignments (tests, quizzes, and projects) will account for 40% and homework/class work (writing reflections, participation, group work, etc) will account for 60%.

Please encourage your child to speak with me regarding questions or challenges in class. I look forward to the school year and helping your child grow in faith and responsibility.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gehrig

6th grade Religion Standards

Standard 1- Creed: Students will demonstrate understanding of core Catholic beliefs.

Standard 2- Worship and Sacraments: Students will demonstrate understanding and practice of Catholic worship and sacraments with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of Catholics.

Standard 3- Morality: Students will understand right from wrong and be able to make good moral choices in life decisions that are consistent with Church teaching and a Christian lifestyle.

Standard 4- Social Justice: Students will demonstrate understanding of Catholic social teaching and apply these principles to social and personal situations.

Standard 5- Core Scripture: Students will read, interpret, and apply Scripture to their own daily life situation.

Standard 6- Family Life: Students will demonstrate their understanding of Christian family life and how it is nourished and passed on.

Standard 7- Liturgical Year: Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Liturgical year and how it is celebrated.

Standard 8- Christian Prayer and Practice: Students will be able to demonstrate, understand, and use traditional prayer forms in the Catholic tradition.

Standard 9- Vocabulary: Students will be able to demonstrate understanding and use of religious vocabulary.

Standard 10- Vocation: Life styles: Students will demonstrate their understanding of different vocations and lifestyles to prepare them to respond to their own call.

Standard 11- Service: Students will engage in service to the community (family, parish, local, national, and global) by action and reflection on our response to the Gospel call.

Standard 12- Saints: Students will explore the lives of saints in order to expand their role models for Christian living.