### Grade 6 at a Glance

#### ART

How can I play with form to improve my art? Your Grade 6 child will play with form and explore more complex art procedures. They will examine the individual character of objects and forms and judge whether designs are "good" or not. Using various media, they'll express themselves and refine their work.

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

How can I understand the people around me? How will they understand me? Grade 6 students move from understanding and communicating to drawing conclusions about things and trying to convince others. They learn to think for themselves, revise their ideas and dig to find answers to questions that challenge them.

#### HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS

Doing things that are not safe affect me and might hurt other people too! Grade 6 students understand that their choices, whether good or bad, can touch a lot of people. They see how learning to make decisions with a whole group is an important life skill.

#### MATHEMATICS

Operations with numbers. Your child will convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, learn about and use integers, and understand the meaning of ratio and percent. They will multiply and divide decimal numbers, and perform operations with whole numbers using order of operations. Your child will use variables, graphs and tables to show number patterns.

#### MUSIC

Scaling up! In Grade 6, your child will explore different rhythms and scales and will perform songs written in a variety of scales. They will study electronic music and the structures in longer forms of music, as well as key signatures and timbre.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

What are the benefits of an active lifestyle? Your child will take part in various activities that will help them to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. They will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity, while discovering essential life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play and teamwork.

#### SCIENCE

How do things fly? Designing, building and testing flying objects in teams helps Grade 6 students develop as scientists. In Grade 6, students also learn about the night sky, planets, forests and trees. They will sharpen their skills in observing and interpreting what they see by investigating evidence of human and animal activity.

#### SOCIAL STUDIES

What is democracy? How does it work in Alberta? Your child will explore how democratic principles are reflected in local and provincial governments. They'll also examine historical models of democracy and the political roles played by citizens in the past and today.

#### OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

- CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATIONS (CTF)
- DRAMA
- FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES
- FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (FSL)
- INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES
- LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

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