

WELCOME TO PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT! 2016-2017

**Leif Ericson Day School
Sixth Grade
Ms. Solby**



CURRICULUM

All books and materials used in the sixth grade, as well as our class lessons, are in accordance with New York State Learning Standards.

Ms. Solby will be the Christian Studies, Literature, Vocabulary, & ELA teacher.

Christian Studies

Character Quest by Christian Academic Publishing will be used to examine the differences between right and wrong. This year we will learn what God says about character traits such as love, friendship, obedience, courage, honesty, attentiveness, faith, thankfulness, joyfulness, responsibility, self-control, loyalty, humility, confidence, and prayer.

Character is not inherited; it doesn't "just happen" but it needs to be learned from the best example: the Word of God. Quizzes and content tests will be given throughout the year. Class and chapel participation is taken into consideration for this grade.

We will also be using Survival Quest. This will teach them how to survive things like sibling rivalry and temptation.



Literature

We will be working on several novels this year, including books such as The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Witches, The Outsiders, Number the Stars, Phantom Toll Booth, The Little Prince, Freak the Mighty, The Egypt Game, and Holes. There will be quizzes as well as tests for every book read.



Vocabulary

The class will be given vocabulary words to learn every week and we will be reviewing the eight parts of speech. Students will spell the word correctly and give the definition.

There will be a quiz every Monday on the previous week's words.

ELA

English Language Arts curriculum consists of 4 main concepts - reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The student will utilize these areas in order to inform and understand, formulate a literary response, evaluate and analyze material, and socially interact. Your child will be taught power point presentations and research reports.

A book report, done in school, will be assigned in alternating months. Below is a rough outline of book report assignments:

SHOW ME YOUR BOOK

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2016

NOVEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

MAY

GENRE

THRILLER/HORROR/GHOST

HISTORICAL FICTION

MYSTERY

FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS

GRAPHIC NOVEL



Math

Math will be taught by Ms. Hauge on Mondays – Thursdays.

LEDS math follows the NYS Learning Standards and therefore includes:

- Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- Number Systems
- Expressions and Equations
- Geometry

As time allows, statistics and probability will be introduced. Although students have access to Math Advantage: Pre-Algebra textbooks, note-taking and handouts will be the norm. Homework is given almost daily, and will be graded, returned, and reviewed at the beginning of the next day's class. A review lesson will precede each test. All tests and failed (<65) homework must be signed. Please encourage your child to ask questions if a concept is not understood, and we will arrange a time for review.



Social Studies

Mrs. Campbell is their SS teacher. The textbook they will mainly be using is The Eastern Hemisphere published by Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt.

In order to follow the new NYS Learning Standards, we will be focusing on Asia, Africa, Europe and Russia. Homework will be given daily. They will be given a test after every chapter.



Science

Ms. McCarthy is the science teacher. Students in 6th grade will be using Delta Science Module curriculum.

The modules will be mostly comprised of hands-on physical science units.

Students will use notebooks and module worksheet folders. Students will complete group experimental lessons and projects in class.

Group work is essential to understand the value of teamwork and the effectiveness of group problem solving. Attendance is very important because the majority of the work is performed in class. Grading will be based on class lab work, quizzes, tests and possible special projects.

HOMEWORK POLICY

From sixth to eighth grade, the homework check system is used – 5 checks =detention.

If your child receives 15 homework checks he/she will serve one week detention after school in aftercare.

Even if the homework is missing and recorded as a check, it is still to be submitted the following day to be graded and recorded.

Missing homework due to absence from school is not recorded as a check, but is to be handed in upon returning to school.

If your child is absent he/she will have 2 days to make up any work missed: notes, quizzes, tests, homework. It is his/ her responsibility to make up the work.

All homework and notes (except math) is to be done in pen and written in script, and (unless otherwise specified) in their notebook.

All tests and quizzes must be signed and returned the following day. Parent notes do not count as a signed test.

Coming to class unprepared will also count as a check. Please come to class with pens, pencils, etc.

Please read the Homework Check System for more information.

CONDUCT/EFFORT GRADES

Students will receive Conduct/Effort grades by homeroom and subject area teachers.

The final single grade is based on all teacher C/E grades. Please make note of these grades and comments.

These grades will have an affect on Recognition/Acknowledgements such as Citizenship grades and the Principal's List (page 8 – Family/Student Manual).

For more information refer to Family/Student Handbook.

Testing Policy

There will be a vocabulary quiz every Monday.

In every subject there is a test at the end of each chapter or unit.

All tests are announced in advance.

All tests **and** quizzes are to be signed and returned to school the day after they are sent home.

Quizzes

Along with weekly vocabulary quizzes, quizzes on topics such as Literature and Grammar may be given on an impromptu basis to check understanding of materials.

All quizzes are to be signed and returned to school.

GRADING

ALL HOMEWORK, QUIZZES, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, PROJECTS AND TESTS ARE GIVEN A NUMBER GRADE. ALL GRADES ARE TABULATED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: TESTS AND PROJECTS 30%, QUIZZES 20%, CLASS WORK AND ESSAYS 25%, AND HOMEWORK 25%. MIDWAY THROUGH EACH TRIMESTER, YOU MAY RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE IN CERTAIN SUBJECT AREAS WHERE HE/SHE MAY HAVE DIFFICULTIES. REPORT CARDS ARE ISSUED AT THE END OF EACH TRIMESTER.

****Discipline****

There are several class rules that must be followed in order to function safely and efficiently.

We have written rules together and they are posted along with the consequences. Your child will be aware of the first time he/she breaks a rule (verbal warning).

Depending on the severity of the infraction, your child may be asked to leave the classroom and wait on the bench. You will be notified if your child is sent to the bench. He or she may be issued a behavior detention.

Any warning slips given from lunchroom supervisors or morning care/aftercare supervisors will result in your child spending his/her following lunch period on the bench. Depending on the severity of his or her actions, an automatic detention will be issued.

Three (3) bench detentions in one trimester will result in an after school detention for one hour. The behavior detention must be served the following day after school.

If the student does not serve the assigned after school detention, he/she will serve one week on the bench during lunchtime.

****Lateness****

Three latenesses result in a detention.

High school applications require attendance and lateness records from 6th through 8th grade.

Birthdays

We are more than happy to celebrate birthdays in our class. I only ask that you check with me in advance so that we can agree on the date that is best for us.

Please see Family/Student Handbook.

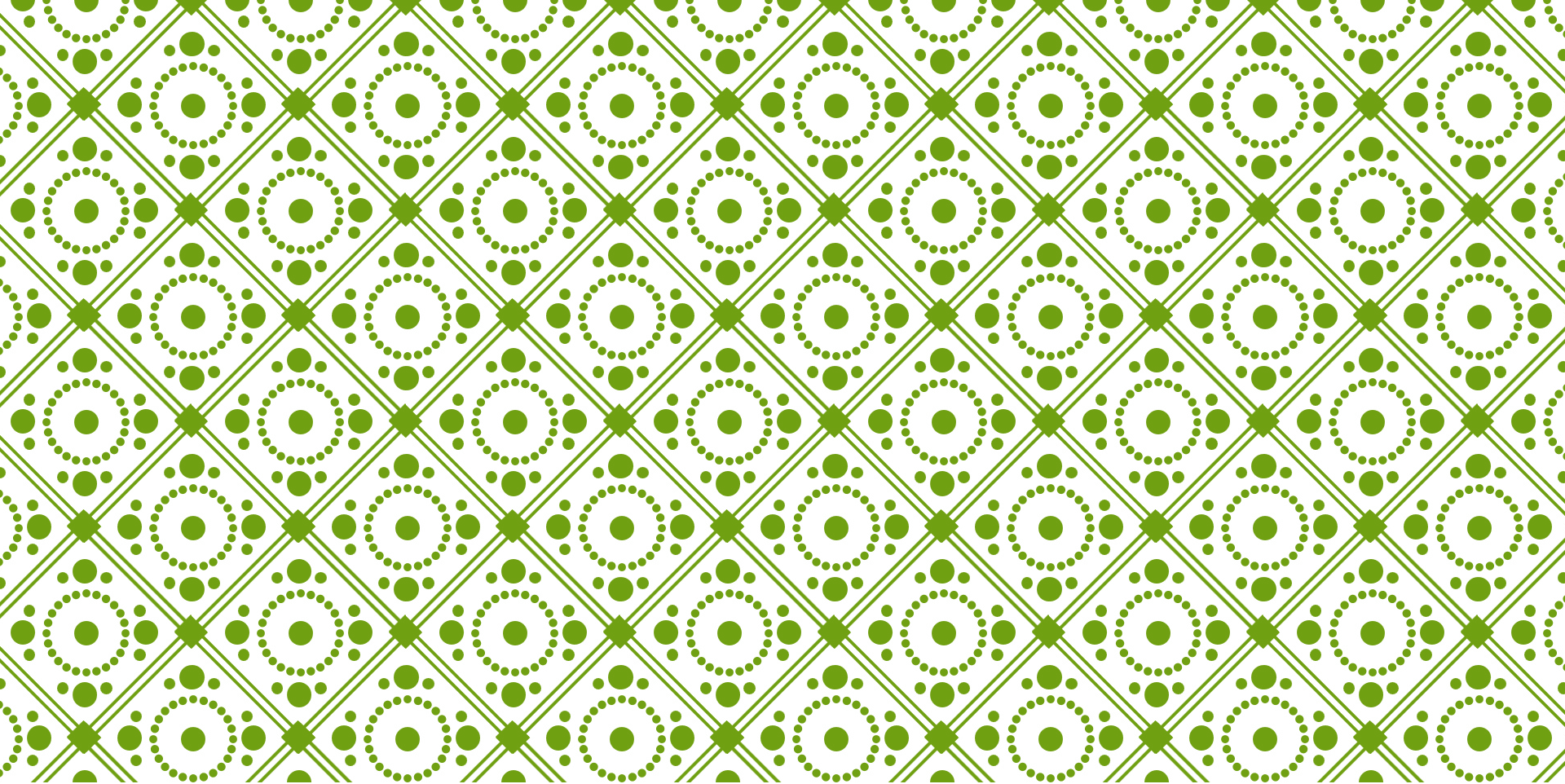
Library

Our class library is “open” to all students. They may borrow books at any time.

Students will be required to pay for the replacement if any book is lost or damaged.

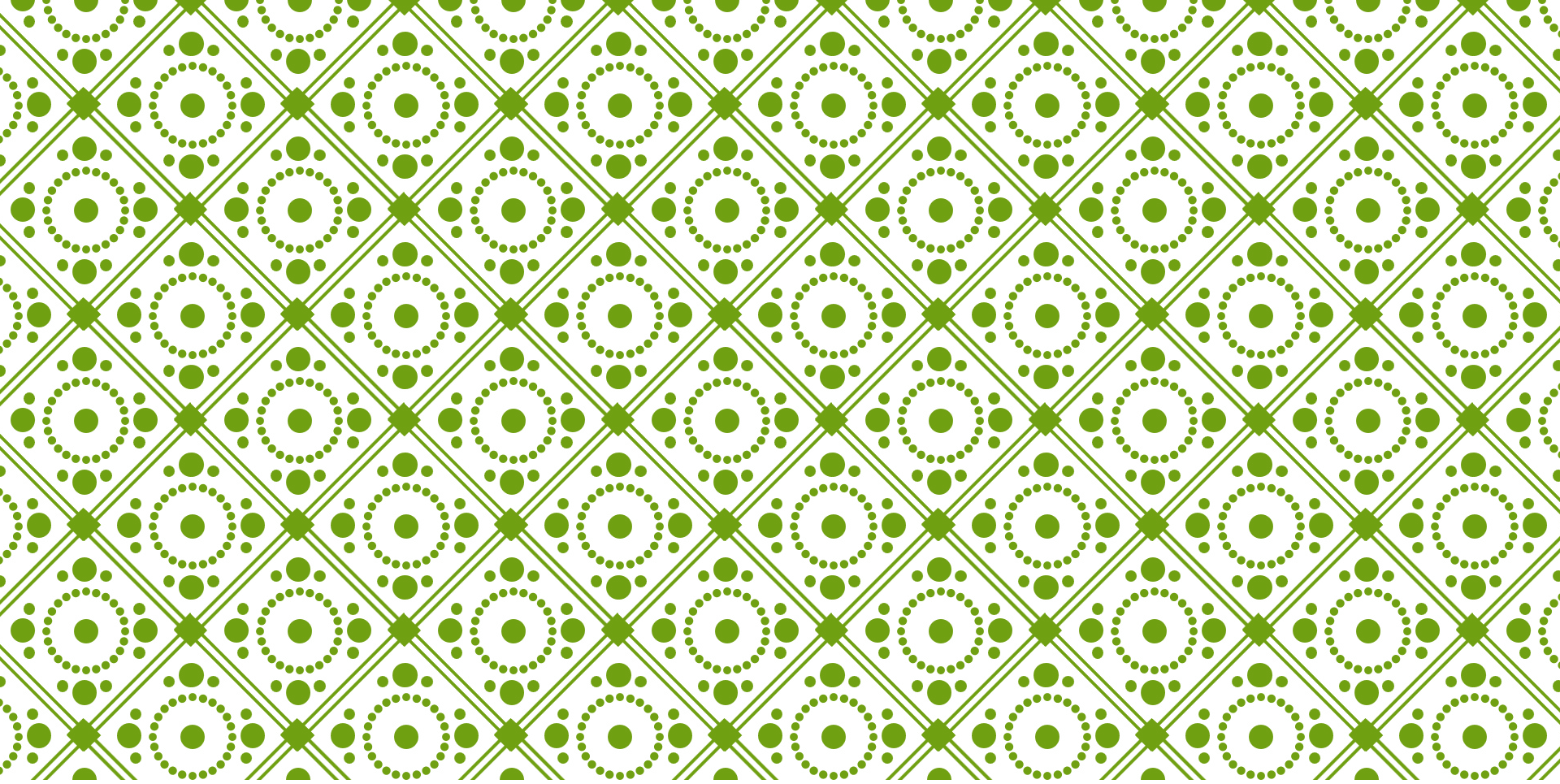
N.U.T CARDS

N.U.T CARDS ARE A GREAT “REWARD” THAT ALL STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING. HOWEVER, IF A STUDENT COMES TO SCHOOL WITHOUT HIS/HER UNIFORM AND DOES NOT HAVE A N.U.T CARD, THEY WILL OWE TWO N.U.T CARDS. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER WAY TO HELP THEM LEARN RESPONSIBILITY.



LEDS IS A *NUT FREE* SCHOOL

Just a reminder...



**THANK YOU FOR COMING!
I KNOW WE ALL WILL HAVE A
SUPER SCHOOL YEAR
TOGETHER!**

