

NEW HORIZONS  
SCHOOL

# 6TH GRADE CLASSROOM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024

## **Middle School Director's Office:**

This academic year at NHS brings exciting learning opportunities, new friendships, and memorable experiences. This NHS team is prepared well to nurture our students in a superbly enriching learning environment. At the same time, we encourage you to stay engaged with your child's regular routine, participate in school events, and communicate with teachers. Together, we will make this year a remarkable journey of growth and achievement for our students.

**Ms. Priya Sudharsan**

# What are we learning this month?

## Computer Lab

Students are eager to dive into the world of web development by learning HTML, CSS, and formal typing skills. This month's focus is on reviewing all the essential HTML formatting tags and introducing students to the creation and styling of lists. To help them grasp how these tags function, students are provided with an exercise that involves working with a sample paragraph. They will apply various HTML tags to format the text and observe how these changes affect the display on a webpage. This hands-on activity is designed to reinforce their understanding of HTML structure and styling, preparing them for more complex projects in the future.



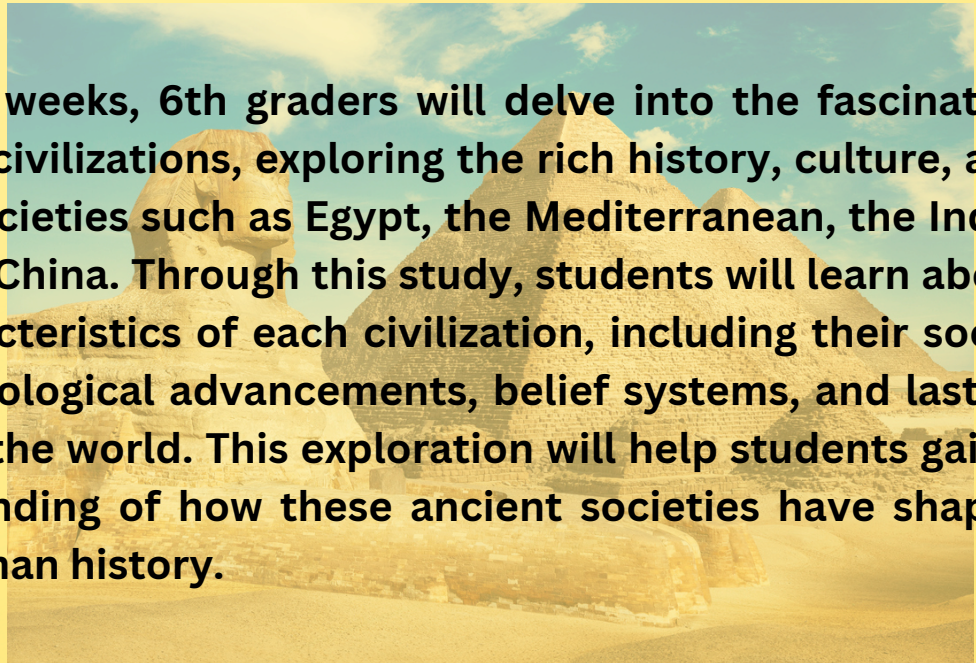
# Journalism



We are excited to introduce a brand-new subject, "Journalism" as part of our curriculum this year. This course is designed to immerse students in the dynamic world of news and media, allowing them to connect with real-world events and issues. By engaging with current news stories, students will develop their ability to think critically and analytically, evaluating sources and understanding different perspectives. The Journalism course will also encourage them to enhance their research skills, learn effective communication techniques, and understand the ethical responsibilities of reporting. This hands-on approach aims to prepare students for the future by fostering a deeper awareness of global events and nurturing their role as informed, responsible citizens.

# History

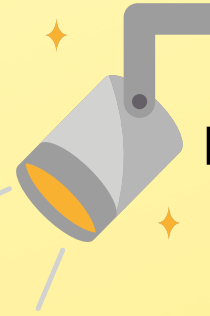
In the upcoming weeks, 6th graders will delve into the fascinating world of ancient civilizations, exploring the rich history, culture, and innovations of societies such as Egypt, the Mediterranean, the Indus Valley, and early China. Through this study, students will learn about the unique characteristics of each civilization, including their social structures, technological advancements, belief systems, and lasting contributions to the world. This exploration will help students gain a deeper understanding of how these ancient societies have shaped the course of human history.



# English Language Arts

Language Arts will cover different kinds of nouns, differentiate between fiction and a novel.

## Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai



Reading book  
spotlight

Students will embark on reading their first book for this year. The book is a verse novel about a 10-year-old Vietnamese girl named Kim Ha who escapes the Vietnam War in 1975 and immigrates to the United States. The book showcases the varied aspects of the human experience with focus on culture, war, bravery, bullying and resiliency. It highlights the strengths of family and hope in a new land and emphasizes the good role models within the story.

## Spanish

Students will embark on a comprehensive study of the language, focusing on essential components such as nouns, adjectives, and adverbs. Students will explore a wide range of adjectives, learning how to describe people, places, and things with greater precision and detail.

A special emphasis will be placed on words ending with -ista and -nte. By studying these word endings, students will gain a better grasp of vocabulary that is frequently used in everyday conversation, thereby enhancing their ability to communicate more effectively in Spanish.



## Pre-Algebra

In this course, sixth-grade students will build a strong foundation in pre-algebra, a critical stepping stone for their future math studies. They will begin by mastering the multiplication of integers, as well as both positive and negative fractions, which will help them understand how numbers interact across different operations. Students will then move on to tackle multi-step equations, developing their ability to break down complex problems into manageable parts and apply logical reasoning to find solutions.

Furthermore, the curriculum introduces scientific notation and exponents, allowing students to handle very large or very small numbers with ease and understand their significance in various scientific and mathematical contexts. As they progress, students will learn to apply the distributive property to solve algebraic equations, a key skill that enables them to simplify expressions and solve for unknown variables. Through these topics, students will acquire essential problem-solving skills, laying a solid groundwork for more advanced mathematical concepts in the years to come.

## Earth Science

Sixth graders are currently diving into the Scientific Method, an essential process that forms the backbone of scientific inquiry and discovery. The Scientific Method is precisely what it sounds like: a systematic and organized approach used by scientists and researchers to test new ideas, explore questions, and develop theories.

Throughout this learning process, students are encouraged to embrace curiosity and ask questions about the world around them. They learn to formulate hypotheses based on observations, design experiments to test these hypotheses, and analyze data to draw meaningful conclusions. This methodical approach not only helps them develop a deeper understanding of scientific principles but also fosters critical thinking skills.

## Physical Education

Students will focus on developing their fundamental football skills, specifically honing their techniques in passing and throwing. They will learn the proper form for throwing a football with accuracy and power, emphasizing the importance of grip, stance, and follow-through.

Alongside these football skills, students will engage in a variety of cardio exercises designed to enhance their overall athleticism and endurance. These exercises may include running drills, agility ladder routines, and shuttle runs, all aimed at improving their speed, agility, and cardiovascular fitness.

# Reminders

## Friday Folders



We recommend checking your child's folders frequently for any assignments or homework and return it back with any questions the following Monday.



**SCHOOL CLOSURE ON  
MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2024  
FOR LABOR DAY**