

**Assignments** : All weekly assignments are written on the classroom board. It is expected that students use an assignment notebook to keep track of all assignments.

Mathematics Units of Study:

Prelude: Welcome to Inspiring Connection, Course 1!

• No standards assessed.

Chapter 1: Numbers and Data, Shapes and Area, and Expressions

• Ratios and Proportional Relationships, The Number System, Expressions and Equations, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 2: Ratio Language, Equivalent Ratios, and Measurement

• Ratios and Proportional Relationships power standards practiced and assessed.

**Chapter 3**: Measures of Center, Integers, Absolute Value, and Coordinate Planes.

• Statistics and Probability, The Number System, and Geometry power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 4: Fractions, Decimals, Percents, and Unit Rates

• Ratios and Proportional Relationships power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 5: Variation in Data, Area, and Fractions

• The Number System, Statistics and Probability, and Geometry power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 6: Rules of Operations, and Multiples and Factors

• Expressions and Equations, The Number System, and Statistics and Probability power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 7: Whole Number, Decimal, and Fraction Division

• The Number System power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 8: Algebra Tiles, Expressions, and Equations and Inequalities

• Expressions and Equations power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 9: Equations and Inequalities, and Rate

• Ratios and Proportional Relationships, Expressions and Equations, and The Number System power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 10: Two Dimensions, Three Dimensions, and Data

• The Number System, Statistics and Probability, and Geometry power standards practiced and assessed.

Chapter 11: Ratios and Proportions, and The Number System

• No standards assessed.

**Inspiring Connection:** The problem-based nature of each lesson in *Inspiring Connections* provides guided, purposeful investigations that support a deep conceptual understanding of the mathematical objective. The problem set structures students' work so they see how an idea develops, how it is related to other ideas, and why a particular method works. The *Inspiring Connections* courses emphasize reasoning, critical analysis, mathematical modeling, and justification. Students are active participants in their learning.

Mathematical practices play a central role in *Inspiring Connections*. Students do not just learn about mathematics; they do mathematics every day. The lessons have students:

- work in teams to make sense of problems, models, and ideas;
- reason abstractly and quantitatively, often switching between the two as they work through situation-based problems;
- build and refine arguments while they critique the reasoning of themselves and others, first within their teams and then beyond;
- model the world with mathematics as they engage in non-routine tasks;
- use tools, technology, manipulatives, models, and algorithms strategically as they work to solve team-worthy problems;
- attend to precision in their language, calculations, and ideas as they share and refine their thinking verbally and in written form;
- look for and make use of structure as they construct their understanding of tasks and the mathematics behind them; and
- notice, express, and utilize regularity in repeated reasoning.

The *Inspiring Connections* courses contain fewer problems than a typical mathematics textbook, allowing students to concentrate on the mathematics and persevere in solving any given problem. The problems are non-routine (encouraging application and extension), team-worthy (requiring reasoning and collaboration), and engaging (leading to a more positive disposition toward mathematics). In addition, students are asked to report their outcomes in a variety of ways, including diagrams, written content, presentations, and journal entries. Justification of thinking and communication of mathematical arguments are constantly expected.

## If you have any further questions, please reach out! jrieck@stjohn23rd.school 6th Grade Mathematics Priority Standards:

- Ratios and Proportional Relationships
  - 6.M.RP.3 Uses ratio and rate reasoning to solve problems.
- The Number System
  - 6.M.NS.2 Fluently divides multi-digit numbers.

- 6.M.NS.4 Fluently uses four operations on multi-digit decimals.
- 6.M.NS.7 Use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities.
- 6.M.NS.9 Orders and finds absolute value of rational numbers.
- 6.M.NS.11 Graphs points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane.

## • Expressions and Equations

- 6.M.EE.2 Reads, writes, and evaluates expressions that may include variables and exponents.
- $\circ~~$  6.M.EE.7 Write and solve equations with one variable.
- Geometry
  - 6.M.G.1 Solve problems using area of complex polygons.
  - 6.M.G.3 Solves problems using volume, including with fractional lengths.

## • Statistics and Probability

- 6.M.SP.4 Displays numerical data in plots.
- 6.M.SP.6 Summarizes numerical data with statistics.

## Standards for Mathematical Practice

- 1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- 2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- 3. Construct viable arguments and critique reasoning of others.
- 4. Model with mathematics.
- 5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
- 6. Attend to precision.
- 7. Look for and make use of structure.
- 8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.