

STUDENT NAME: _____

**SIXTH GRADE
2011–2012 ELECTIVE WORKSHEET**

Our junior high academic program consists of six core classes. In addition to these daily classes, students have an opportunity to take two elective classes per trimester. We have made every effort to provide a wide variety of high interest classes in our junior high elective program. We have also included some required elements in the elective program to ensure that our students are well equipped to meet with success both here at Foothill and as they prepare to enter high school. Please read through the form below and fill it out carefully with your child; then submit it electronically by hitting the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the page. Be sure that you have included the student's name at the top of the form. Every effort will be made to ensure that they have an opportunity to take classes of high interest to them.

REQUIRED SIXTH GRADE ELECTIVES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Students are required to take 2 PE classes over the course of the school year. Please check your preference.

___ Regular PE (girls and boys classes are taught separately)

___ Dance (girls only)

___ Requesting sports exemption*

* Participation in a school sport or a team outside of school can take the place of one of the PE requirements (sports verification form will be required)

DIRECTED STUDIES: This class will provide students with a strong foundation for their entry into junior high. It will include time management, organizational systems, note-taking and study skills. It will also allow some time for getting started on homework assignments. This class will be offered 1st and 2nd trimester.

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES AVAILABLE TO SIXTH GRADE

Please mark your top five choices in order of interest from the list below. **The classes marked with an asterisk indicate those that we highly recommend for our sixth grade students.**

NOTE: For course content refer to: Elective Course Descriptions for 6th grade.

___ Art

___ Drama

___ *Powerpoint Presentations

___ Digital Photography

___ *Writers' Workshop

___ Book Club

___ Band

___ Strings

___ Leadership

___ Girls' Life Skills

___ Faith in Action

___ Study Hall

SUBMIT

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES AVAILABLE TO SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS

Regular PE: This is a general physical education class that is tailored to meet the needs of growing young men and women. (PE uniform required)

Dance: The dance elective is designed to teach jazz, musical theater, hip hop and an introduction to ballet. It is appropriate for all levels of dancers –beginners to advanced. (counts as PE class)

Art: This class is designed to encourage students to appreciate and express themselves through art. They will learn basic techniques using a variety of mediums.

Drama: This class will teach basic drama and acting skills along with improv exercises to develop acting abilities and characterizations in a creative, fun environment.

***Powerpoint Presentations:** We offer a variety of technology electives, but we feel that this one is essential. Knowing how to effectively create an electronic presentation is an important skill for students to master.

Digital Photography: Students will learn to shoot great pictures and then learn how to use Adobe Photoshop to edit them into their own amazing creations. (digital camera required)

***Writers' Workshop:** Being an effective writer is a key to success. This elective emphasizes language mechanics and self-editing, giving students the opportunity to refine their writing skills.

Book Club: Do you love to read but never seem to have enough time? Members of this class will read and discuss a pre-selected book together.

Band or Strings: If you are interested in learning to play an instrument or want to continue your musical journey, take advantage of this free opportunity to learn. Come be a part of the FCS band or orchestra! (instrument rental required – may involve additional practices after school as well as performance venues)

Leadership: God calls each of us to lead. Come explore who God made you to be, what He has called you to do and the impact you can have on the world around you.

Girls' Life Skills: Students will discuss issues of faith and friendship while learning practical life skills. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs and interests of our 6th grade girls.

Faith in Action: Learn what it means to live a live of faith by serving others. Students will identify needs within the school and community and then explore ways to meet those needs.

Study Hall: If you find it difficult to complete your nightly homework, you might benefit from a study hall. Class grades are based on behavior, class preparedness and work ethic.