

# sixth



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ORGANIZATION

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## Get to Know Sixth Grade!

### Ms. Dovel, 6A Lead

**Grateful to have learned** about yourself over the past year...

Last year, I learned quite a few things. Among these things, I learned that I really enjoy learning about life science through the lens of a sixth grader. There is so much curiosity lying just below the surface and I have often found myself becoming more interested in a topic because the students have so many wonderful questions relating to it. Life Science is a discipline here I can truly see these young scholars developing a desire to know the whys and hows of the world. It has taught me that teaching at ANP is making a difference in the lives of our students and faculty and is helping our society gain young men and women who want to think for themselves – young men and women who are not satisfied with a simple answer and will continue to search until they find the truth.

**One meal** I could eat for the rest of my life...

I would probably choose a gourmet hamburger with a side of sweet potato fries. I would pick a burger, because they are always delicious. I would make it gourmet, because it seems healthier and because there are usually more toppings – meaning I could swap up the flavor of my food by mixing up the toppings. If dessert counts as part of the meal, I would choose coffee flavored ice cream.

### Ms. Kwan, 6A Asst

Witnessed recently that made you **feel a sense of wonder**...

I recently travelled to Iceland and was humbled by the geological forces at work there – whether it be the glaciers creating massive valleys as they make their way to the ocean or the (active) volcanoes destroying and creating in one fell swoop.

Three items I would take with me **on a deserted island**...

I would bring a Kindle, nail clippers and a hammock. Might as well enjoy it!

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## Mr. Martin, 6B Lead

**Grateful to have learned** about yourself over the past year...

The past year has been an incredible learning experience. I learned that I have the patience and the drive to educate the next generation of leaders.

**Favorite book** to read...

My favorite book to read is *The Decameron* by Giovanni Boccaccio.

## Ms. Brennan, 6B Asst

Helped you become the **person you are today**...

My grandfather has always been one of the biggest inspirations of my life. At a very young age, he taught me the importance of hard work and diligence. Over the course of my life, I've learned many valuable lessons from my grandfather that have made me the person I am today. I would like to thank him for being my example of kindness, humility, and unconditional love.

**Favorite book** to read...

I have always loved Tolkien and often find myself reaching for *The Hobbit* or any of the *Lord of the Rings* books when I am in need of a good book.

"The essence of all beautiful art is gratitude."

- FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

## Mr. Cain, 6C Lead

Helped you become the **person you are today**...

A tenth grade teacher had my fellow students and I host service events for children in foster care. It was at these events that I discovered my heart for working with and learning from children. Without her class and her inspiring influence, I would never have considered teaching as a profession. Now, I know that there are few more meaningful and rewarding tasks than preparing today's youth to pave the way for a better tomorrow.

Three items I would take with me on a **deserted island**...

If I were an idealist rather than a pragmatist: my music player, guitar, and, if invented, a solar-chargeable, fully-stocked Kindle.

## Ms. McBeth, 6C Asst

Helped you become the **person you are today** and what you'd thank them for... my mother for her unconditional love, strength and support.

**Favorite subject** in school... Math.

## Ms. Marrufo, 6D Lead

Witnessed recently that reminded you **life is good**...

Life is beautiful, precious, and so, so good. Even when things seem to not be going a certain way or everything is out to get me, I am reminded that it isn't always about the big picture, but the little things along the way. A close friend just recently had a baby girl and being able to see her grow and to be a part of this little one's life is something that puts everything in perspective. At the end of the day, it isn't about what went wrong or what upset me, but it is about what made me smile or what I can do next to make things even more sweet.

**Favorite subject** in school...

My favorite subject in school was Psychology. I loved being able to dive deeper into what makes human beings do the things that they do. My favorite subsection to Psychology was Personality Psych and getting to learn more about personality disorders and the abnormalities as well.

## Mr. Curtis, 6D Asst

Helped you become the **person you are today** and what you'd thank them for...

Vicki Curtis, my wife, is the most special person in my life. We've been married for 46 years in November. We grew up together and celebrated and suffered many things. I would thank her for her faithfulness and belief in me.

**Favorite book** to read...

I think reading Grimm's to the students is my favorite. It is fun watching their reactions to what are often very strange tales – some with a moral and some that leave you scratching your head.



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