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The textbook series that is used in science for sixth grade is *Holt Science & Technology-Earth Science*. This series meets the National Science Education Standards (Grades 5-8).

We will be studying earth science in sixth grade. Topics to be studied this year include:

- rocks & minerals
- energy resources
- plate tectonics
- earthquakes
- volcanoes
- weather and climate
- weathering and soil formation
- agents of erosion and deposition
- space
- fresh water
- oceanography

Please feel free to volunteer to speak to our class if you have knowledge or have experienced the various topics that we will be covering.

Students are expected to come prepared to class with their textbook, a notebook, homework, and a pen. Homework makes up 30% of the class grade, in-class work is 10% and tests/quizzes are 60%.

The volcano project concludes our year in May. Students design and research at home and present their volcano at school.