

Dear 6th grade students,

I hope you are all having a great and relaxing summer. My summer has been fun as well as busy as I get things ready for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. This will be my 29th year of teaching and I still spend much of my summer trying to think up new ideas or teaching methods that will help us throughout the upcoming school year.

As a 6th grader you will have me for religion, science, and art. I always look forward to the start of a new school year and the opportunity to grow academically and spiritually. Many of you know that I enjoy keeping many species of reptiles, amphibians and other creatures in my classroom. I still have many of them and will usually have some new animals as well by the start of the new school year. You will learn a lot about these animals as well as have the opportunity to hold, care, and help maintain many of them if you would like to. You will also be helping out with the garden that the 6th graders started working on a couple of years ago. We have a butterfly and vegetable garden behind our classroom. We have also been taking part in the University of Georgia "Project Monarch Health" program where we catch monarch butterflies that come to our garden, take a sample and then tag and release them. We have built a butterfly enclosure where we can raise butterflies from the caterpillar stage. This past school year we just built an aquaponics garden which is raising fish and plants together in a type of symbiotic partnership.

I am excited about the upcoming school year. If you have any questions please contact me. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will be talking to you soon.  
In Christ, Mr. Dave Leimer