

Sartell Middle School

5th and 6th Grade Enrichment Opportunities

Sartell Middle School is committed to excellence and meeting the needs of every student. The rich foundation of Sartell Middle School was built upon a true middle school philosophy, which continues today. The guiding principles of this philosophy include: teaming of teachers and students, collaboration, focusing on the whole child (academic, social, emotional and cognitive), providing a variety of opportunities for students to explore, develop positive relationship-building skills, and to grow socially and academically. In an effort to meet the individual needs of today's children, we provide an array of enrichment opportunities at every grade level.

Teachers anticipate and respond to the variety of student needs by modifying content, instructional practice, and varying levels of difficulty in assignments; this is known as differentiated instruction. Sartell Middle School teachers use differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every student, and although there might be multiple student learning paths, all students receive grade level standards, set forth by the State of Minnesota, within this model of instruction.

Teachers also meet the needs of early adolescents through academic clustering. 5th and 6th grade teachers assess the degree to which students understand a concept and then group students based on that information for instruction designed to meet the specific needs of each student. Grade level content teams of 3-4 teachers collaborate and design their instruction to meet the levels of understanding.

Sartell Middle School also offers over 30 academic extension activities throughout the school year. Please review the course offerings and look for updates in the Friday weekly email.

Enrichment highlights from 5th and 6th Grade core curricular areas:	
<u>5th Grade Math</u>	<u>6th Grade Math</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leveled Problem Solving ● Differentiated Lessons ● Flexible Grouping / Clustering Activities every unit ● Enrichment opportunities every unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leveled Problem Solving ● Challenge Assignments ● Differentiated Lessons ● Flexible Grouping / Clustering Activities every unit
<u>5th Grade Language Arts</u>	<u>6th Grade Language Arts</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Differentiated novels and basal lessons ● Leveled readers ● Flexible grouping/clustered activities ● Enrichment opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Differentiated lessons ● Differentiated assignments within each unit ● Leveled parallel novels for each unit ● Flexible Grouping ● Leveled nonfiction reading ● Enrichment opportunities
<u>5th Grade Science</u>	<u>6th Grade Science</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrichment opportunities every unit ● Challenge Assignments ● Differentiated Culminating Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Differentiated Science Fair Projects ● Tiered Assignments ● Differentiated Lessons and Vocabulary
<u>5th Grade Social Studies</u>	<u>6th Grade Social Studies</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrichment opportunities every unit ● Challenge Assignments ● Differentiated Culminating Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Differentiated Lessons ● Flexible Grouping/Clustering Activities ● Challenge Project Opportunities (Example- iMovie, Keynote, Google Slides, Google Docs, Notability - multiple resources to allow for differentiation)