

# 6TH GRADE SUPERSTARS



## ELA

Welcome to 6th grade! I am very excited to be teaching ELA again as well as Social Studies this year. Being a middle school grade level, the students are going to be held to very high standards and will achieve more than they think is possible.

To start the year, we will be reading a mystery novel called *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. In this unit, we will work to learn about The American Dream while also analyzing the book to discover the murderer! We will also dive head first into our informational writing unit where students will be learning how to properly craft 5-paragraph argumentative and informational essays. Our theme this year is **DIGGING DEEPER!** As a class we will be digging deeper into every story, article, and writing in order to grasp more in-depth understanding. I already know that the growth from now until June will be amazing to see!

In Social Studies, we will be traveling the world in 180 days. We will start with map skills and quickly move to Central and South America. The students will all be learning about so many different places and cultures as the year goes on.

The students will also be expected to read on their own each night and then write a small paragraph about it for homework. The blog to write in will be posted on Google Classroom every week but students are always about to write their response on paper. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns throughout the year!

## MATH

Welcome back everyone! I'm thrilled to be working with the students this year in both Math and Science! We have several components to our Math program at WAMS including Pearson and Khan Academy.

This year we continue with Pearson Envision 2.0. Students will be focusing on using Positive Rational Numbers (using addition/subtraction, multiplication/division of decimals and fractions), Integers and Rational Numbers (applying and extending their previous understanding of numbers to rational numbers) and beginning their learning of Numeric and Algebraic Expressions (applying and extended their knowledge of arithmetic to algebraic expression).

As a part of the math program, students are responsible to complete both nightly Pearson homework and weekly Khan Academy homework. Their homework is based off of what they have left from class - if they are diligent and focused in class then they have the ability to finish their work! All students receive a quarterly Khan Academy Grade as Khan Academy is a mandatory part of 6th Grade. I look forward to a fun and productive year!

In Science we will be learning about the Scientific Method & Engineering Process to start our year. Students will be responsible for Interactive Notebooks that will contain their scientific journeys!

-Mr. Manuel

Homework in Sixth Grade increases from prior grades. Sixth Grade can be an adjustment to the required workload.

*Student Agendas and Time management are important to the students success.*

Make sure to check and initial student agendas nightly.

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

If you have not yet, please send in your email address that we can link to your student's Google Classroom. This way you will be notified of any work assigned or missing. It's a great way to stay informed along with student agendas.

We are looking forward to a super 6th grade year!