

WELCOME

to 6th Grade!

June 2021

Dear Students and Parents of future sixth graders,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the sixth grade and anticipate an awesome year ahead! Sixth grade is a year filled with new experiences, advanced curriculum concepts, and high expectations. We look forward to a great year where we, as a sixth grade community, can learn and grow together as we prepare for middle school.

Our Expectations

As teachers we truly see each other as members of an incredible team. In the same way, we expect that our students do the same. Each student is a valued member of our sixth grade community and will learn not only from each of their teachers, but also from one another.

Supplies

As you consider supplies for the upcoming year, please remember, less is more. There is only so much space to store materials in our classrooms. If you plan to purchase supplies for class, the following list includes items students will use often:

1. Pocket folders - 2 yellow, 2 red, 2 blue, 2 green
2. 5 Spiral bound notebooks - preferably -1 yellow, 1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, and 1 of any color/design
3. One 2 inch binder (with tabs)
4. Black dry erase markers

During the summer many stores offer these items on sale at a great savings. Please do not overbuy. There is no need for staplers, protractors, tape, etc. Our school will provide crayons, a pouch for keeping and carrying pencils and pens, gluesticks, etc.

Our classrooms are always in need of tissues, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer; donations are always appreciated.

Summer Reading

The expectation at Thorndyke Road School is 100% participation and completion of Summer Reading. The expectation at our level is that students read 3 books or 800 pages. The expectation is also that students at our grade level complete 3 activities. Activity ideas are below. The goal is that your student connects with the text beyond just reading. These are ideas and not a complete list of their choices. A full list of activities can be found on the WPS website:

<https://sites.google.com/worcesterschools.net/summerreading/home>.

1. Write a letter to the author discussing your thoughts/Illustrate your favorite part of the text. Explain why this is your favorite part of the book.
2. Create an award for a main character.
3. Pick 15 words that are essential, or important, to the book. Explain why each word is essential to it.
4. Make an advertisement for your book.
5. Draw a scene from the book. Explain why this scene is essential to the book.
6. Think about the main character. Pick 5 books they should read. What have you learned about that character that makes you think it is a good fit?
7. Write a book review.
8. Write a letter to a character. Discuss in your letter what they have gone through and any connections you may share.
9. Create a scrapbook page of a memory the character would have that would be important.
10. Create a comic book or storyboard version of your text.

**SUMMER READING IS WORTH 10% OF YOUR STUDENT'S
READING GRADE FOR QUARTER 1.**

Summer reading is expected to be handed in by the Friday of the first week of school.

Summer Math Packet and ST Math

Our goal is that all students complete the summer math packet and ST Math times! Students that do so will receive 5 additional points to their first term math grade. Math packets are due the Friday of the first week of school.

We look forward to a wonderful year in sixth grade with all students!

Your sixth Grade Teachers