

6th Grade Curriculum

Reading- In addition to units that include short stories, novels, mythology, non-fiction, and poetry; students are expected to read 20 minutes a night from a book of their choice and complete projects and weekly reading logs.

Language Arts- Students will write persuasive, narrative, and expository essays, including a research paper on a famous monument. Spelling, grammar, and vocabulary through the study of word parts are also highlighted.

Social Studies- Students will focus on ancient cultures, geography, and current events.

Science- Students will learn about astronomy, metric system, lab equipment, environmental science, bacteria to plants, and chemical building blocks.???

Math- Students will study pre-algebra, problem solving, patterns and ratios, geometry, proportions and percents, probability, graphing data, integers, decimals and fractions.

Arts & Technology- Students will have three trimesters of physical education and one trimester of health. Other trimester classes include: General Music, Art, Home Economics, and Spanish

Top 10 Tips to Help 6th Graders Succeed

1. Spend time with your child daily... talk, play board games, stay active!
2. Check assignment notebooks and completed homework each night.
3. Establish a homework routine with a consistent place and time.
4. Make sure your child gets a good night sleep.
5. Limit T.V. and video games to 1-2 hours a night. Consider using them as incentives.
6. Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast everyday.
7. Go on family outings to expose children to theater, music, and cuisine from cultures other than your own.
8. Read with or to your child everyday. They are never too old for this!
9. Regularly visit libraries or bookstores.
10. Encourage and help your child appropriately prioritize their lives.



6th Grade Team Expectations

- Students will be given 3 hallway/bathroom passes per class per trimester. Students must have their assignment notebook to be given a pass.
- Assignments turned in late will be averaged with a failing grade of 64%. Parents will be notified of missing work.
- Students are expected to follow the 4 B's— Be there, be ready, be safe, be respectful, and be responsible.
- Students who break any of these rules will be given the following consequences:

1st time—Warning

2nd time—1st checkmark

3rd time—2nd checkmark, possible call home

4th time— Detention/Call home/ Time out by the office

- After 5 checkmarks received in any class, students will be given a 6th grade team detention.
- Students are expected to turn in high quality work. Work that is messy, illegible, or on ripped or crumpled paper will

Parents are encouraged to check students grades on PowerSchool. Grades will be updated at least every other week.

Supply List

General Supplies:

- pencils and pens
- loose leaf paper
- tissues (2 boxes to first period teacher)
- paper towels (1 roll to science teacher)
- Markers and colored pencils
- accordion folder

- **Social Studies:** 1 notebook
- **Math:** protractor, ruler, scientific calculator, set of two Expo black fine tip dry erase markers, notebook
- **Language Arts:** a 3-subject notebook, highlighters
- **Science:** one pack of note cards given to teacher
- **Physical Education:** Gym uniform and lock, which may be rented during registration
- **Arts & Technology:** *These supplies will be used all year in each of the six trimester classes.* 2 Folders with pockets, 2 theme books, highlighter.

Art-2 pencils, large pencil eraser, work-shirt

Home Economics-List provided in class

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Welcome to WMS

6th Grade Information

The mission of the Westchester Public Schools, District 92½, in partnership with our families and the community, is to provide exemplary instruction with challenging educational experiences for all children. We are committed to promoting academic excellence, creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving skills. Students will demonstrate respect for self, community, and the environment. We expect that students will develop as lifelong learners able to achieve success in a global world.