

Suggestions for Incoming Sixth Graders

from the Sixth Grade Students and the Sixth Grade Team

Most of these were suggestions from the students, but the teachers did discuss these and other ideas at our team meetings. Some will be helpful to you as you begin preparing for your 6th grade year.

1. Get a combination lock and practice over the summer.
2. Get used to going without snacks because there is no snack time.
3. The best time to visit the bathroom is at lunchtime.
4. Take good board and overhead notes. Teachers use these for tests.
5. Plan out extended projects carefully. Try to hand them in early if possible!
6. Hand in work on time! You will lose credit if it is late.
7. Always have a supply of pencils, eraser caps, and pens.
8. Study for tests in advance. You may not get time in class!
9. Practice raising your hand! Standing at the teacher's desk is usually discouraged.
10. Locker Design - Think of a set up and talk to older kids to find out what works best.
11. You will be going to school earlier now, so you must go to bed earlier.
12. Listen to directions because there is less group work and things are often said only once.
13. Do extra credit whenever you are given the chance, even if you don't think you need it.
14. Gym Clothes - Keep at least 2 pair in you locker and take one home to be washed weekly.

15. Practice and learn the keyboard of the computer. Many assignments require typing.
16. Practice cursive handwriting. Most daily work requires it.
17. When a signature is required on an assignment make sure your parents write their full name and not just initials.
18. Math - Practice the basics over the summer: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
19. Learn to use your spare time efficiently! There is not study hall or free time.
20. Keep folders for each subject at home for completed papers that will not be used again. You never know when you might need one.
21. Know the dress code over the summer so that you can buy new clothes that are acceptable.
22. Lunch - Eat first...talk second! Then you will finish on time.
23. Your parents need to park in the parking lot area and come to the office to sign you out when picking you up from school. PLEASE do not have your parents park in the front of the school at dismissal time. That area is for school busses. In the morning parents can drop you off at school. They do not need to walk in with you.
24. Have a positive attitude and don't be afraid to ask for help from your teachers: Mrs. Lavin, the Guidance Counselor; Mrs. DeVries, the School Nurse; Mrs. Nicholls, the Vice Principal; or Mr. Scutti, the Principal.