

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

6TH GRADE IS A BIG TRANSITION--WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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CLASSWORK VS HOMEWORK

- We hope all grades are turned in on time! Should a classwork be turned in late, the penalty is 10 points per day, stopping at 50%. Late homework is an automatic 50%. Once a unit has been completed, work from that unit cannot be turned in.
- Homework time expectation is 15-20 minutes per class for an on level class, and possibly 20-30 minutes for an advanced class.
- Classwork is given with the hope that students will finish during class. Sometimes students do not use their independent time wisely and have to complete this work at home, in addition to homework.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS

- Importance of learning and using study skills. Routine is key!
- Students are expected to tidy their binders, check agendas, and charge their computers each night.
- Time management with sports and other extra curricular commitments becomes critical! We teach these skills now to benefit students in their academic careers.
- Homework club and study hall are resources at school that are available to students.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- StudentVUE is the online gradebook for your student. ParentVUE is the version of the gradebook for parents. If you have multiple children, you can view all of them in the app.
- CTLS is where we update class resources weekly. If your student is absent, please ensure that they have checked CTLS for assignments that they have missed so that they can be caught up upon their return to school. You can also view each of your student's coursework and communicate with teachers on this platform.
- The expectation is that teachers update grades once per week. This includes makeup work, missing assignments, and regularly scheduled grades.
- With so many resources available to them, we ask that students take ownership of their own learning. They may need help in the beginning, but hopefully, they will grow into independent middle school learners!
- Laptops are checked out to each student to care for, and should be charged nightly. We also expect that students are updating the software monthly.

6TH GRADE TRENDS

- Q1: Transition to middle school. During this time, we focus on learning the routines and procedures.
- Q2: Students tend to see an increased rigor of their classes, and time management becomes critical.
- Q3: Classes shift to prepare students for 7th grade. Friendships change, so we focus on learning and using coping skills.
- Q4: Preparation for 7th grade continues, and we help students stay academically motivated to finish the year.

CHANGES AND EXPECTATIONS

- Middle school is drastically different than elementary school.
- We recommend sitting with your student as they navigate CTLS, complete their agenda and check their grades.
- The hope is that, in their own time, students can complete these tasks independently.
- Organization and routine are key.
- Celebrate growth, not just grades!
- We are all here to help you navigate this big adjustment!