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## Life as a Sixth Grader

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Adjusting to the middle school is sometimes very hard. Sometimes you worry about getting to all of your classes on time or if you are trying your hardest at all of your homework. I was told that if you just take a deep breath and don't stress and worry, you will do just fine in school and in life.

As school was creeping up from right behind summer, I was feeling mostly excited and a little bit nervous. When it was the day of school, I was starting to stress. What will I do if I am late? What will my teachers say to me if I am late? Luckily as my sister was just leaving the middle school and starting the high school, so she told me that it is okay to feel nervous on the first day of school and that I shouldn't feel worried about going to school. After she said that, that toned down my nerves and got me less stressed.

When I got to my Special Homeroom class, I was glad that I had my sister's Spanish teacher. Even though it took her a little time to recognize me, but that was okay. Whilst I was in Special Homeroom, I met a new girl. I was told a lot of thing in Special Homeroom. After that, my whole grade went down an assembly. After that we were all sent on our way.

All day it was tough to navigate between classes and get to classes on time, but I did it. I learned that it is

going to be hard move through the hallway during in-between periods and that I was right across the way from one of my best friends and that we were on the same bus as well.

As the end of the day I was super excited to go home and tell my mom and dad about the first day of school. When I got on the bus though, they switched my bus around and that I was on the wrong bus! I quickly realized that I had to ask a teacher what bus I was on. After I was told what bus I was on, I quickly and quietly went to my bus.

When I got on the bus, I found my friend. I asked if I could sit with her and she said yes. Before the bus started to move, she told me that she was banging on the windows to tell me that I was going to the wrong bus. All the way home we were chatting about our first day of school.

When I got home, I was so, so, so happy that the day was over. As I went to grab a snack, my sister asked me about my day, and how it was. We both told each other about our first day of school, and also if we liked our teachers.

As dinner was approaching us, my mom and dad asked me how my first day of school was, and I told them that it was a good first day at school. As I went to bed, realized that I am going to this for while, so I should not stress.

*Welcome back to School!*

## Adjusting to Sixth Grade Isn't as Hard as You Think!

By Caitlyn Stellwagen  
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Adjusting to middle school may not be easy, but there are some pretty cool advantages. Two pretty obvious things are Lockers and Switching teachers.

Locker storage is way bigger than desk openings. In middle school you have a lot more school supplies like textbooks and tablets. One thing that may be a challenge are the locks and the combinations. Locks can be temperamental, it still takes me a few



tries open it.

Switching teachers is great because you get to work with so many different personalities. For instance, I have a really funny teacher who always makes me laugh. I have another teacher who is very laid back and easy going.

The only downfall is that you have to be quick getting to class or you will be marked late.

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade you have more freedom. You don't have to line up to go to classes and you get to talk in the halls in between periods.

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## Ranger's Apprentice Series



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The Ranger's Apprentice is an action-packed book series by John Flanagan. There are twelve books, the first being *The Ruins of Gorlan*, and the last being *The Royal Ranger*.

The first book, *The Ruins of Gorlan*, focuses on Will, an orphan boy with no last name. On a special event called Choosing Day, the orphans become apprenticed to different people around the kingdom of Araluen. Will hopes to be sorted into Battle-school, as he believes his father died as a knight and a hero, but instead, he is approached by a mysterious group called the King's Rangers. The Rangers are an elite group of warriors that can blend in anywhere, and defend themselves against any threat that may appear. This threat is Morgarath, an exiled baron who ruled Gorlan Fief. And now, he is back for revenge, with an army of destructive monsters...



Books 2-10 focus on Will as a Ranger, and he faces many challenges along the way, meeting different people - friends and foes alike, using the mystique of the Rangers to silently and effectively protect Araluen and its allies.

Book 11, *The Lost Stories*, is a collection of different tales and adventures of Will,

Halt, Alyss, and Horace, not directly interfering with the main series.

Book 12, *The Royal Ranger*, happens several years later, and Will takes his own apprentice - the princess, Maddie! Together, they must investigate the kidnapping of 3 children, and the murder of one of the Rangers' most valued members...



## POETRY

### In Motion

By Sabrina Cheung



## Sixth Grade

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I will warn you, if it is above 75 degrees, dress lightly because there is no air conditioning and it is HOT!

Overall, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is a lot of fun, there is nothing to worry about.

Just stay calm, do your best and you will be fine.

The leaves turn colors  
The weather gets cold  
There is no more summer  
As the night turns gold

Put your jackets on  
Take your tissues out  
I just want you to know  
What fall is all about



The pumpkins start to form  
As the apples start to grow  
I can smell autumn arising  
And people come and go

The wind is blowing strong  
Colored leaves flutter to the ground  
Scarecrows are being built  
And the holidays come around

You should know what fall is all about  
It is blooming with colors you know  
Just wait for the seasons to change  
For here starts to come the snow!

# NYC Cupcake Tour Exceeds Expectations



By Natalie Maher  
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This weekend, I took a trip to NYC for a very nice cupcake tour! It is perfect for all you cupcake lovers out there, but you are not just exploring cupcakes on your journey during this tour.

The cupcake tour is part of many different food tours hosted by "The Best Tours". For around two hours you are walking all around the City stopping at delicious cupcake, gelato and macaroon shops.



You first start at Union square and two groups depart in different directions.

The first cupcake you get to try is at the very famous, Baked By Mellissa. Here you get no sample size because their cupcakes are already so tiny!

Whenever you go, you get to taste their cupcake of the month. This month, it's the peanut butter banana cupcake.

Of course if you have any allergies that they will allow you to get a different flavor.

Next, you walk a couple blocks down to Amarrino, a very well known Gelato shop. Here you get a taste of the mango gelato as a "Palette cleanser". This gelato taste like your biting into a fresh mango, but of course, if you have any allergies than you are able to try another flavor.

After gelato, you walk around a half of a mile, until you come upon Molly's Cupcakes, the first cupcake shop to ever win Cupcake Wars! Not only is the outside decorated with cute signs that everyone will laugh at, but the inside is completely school inspired. You sit at desks,



there are "class rules" and a sprinkle station! You get to design your very own cupcake, that is full sized!

You could get a mini if you are already feeling full of cupcakes, but you would have to be very talented to be sick of cupcakes.

Now that you are feeling like you can't eat another cupcake, you walk not so far until you have reached Almondine Bakery, an amazing macaroon shop. You get a full macaroon in the flavor salted caramel.

Now you've reached your final destination, you're at Magnolias! Here at Magnolias you get to taste a red velvet mini cupcake, with cream cheese frosting. And I have to say, it is delicious.

Now that you've eaten so many cupcakes it feels like you can't even walk

And you've gained twelve pounds, but it's ok, because it was so worth it!

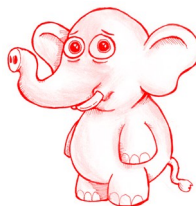


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