



Middle School Orientation

Orientación para la escuela intermedia

*We are proud to be an inclusive
school community empowering girls
to live and lead with confidence and
purpose.*

2020 - 2021



6th Grade Team

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Family Orientation

Orientación de Familias

English Version

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Versión en Español



















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School Supply List

Lista de Útiles Escolares

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|  48 #2 pencils |  4 glue sticks |
|  1 box of erasable blue or black pens |  1 set of 4 AA batteries |
|  1 Pencil pouch |  1 size D battery |
|  4 large magic rub erasers |  1 package of manila paper |
|  1 box of colored pencils |  1 box of Kleenex |
|  1 box of crayons |  1 box of Ziploc bags (quart) |
|  4 highlighters |  2 containers of Clorox wipes |
|  1 pair of scissors |  1 pair of wired headphones |
|  3 composition notebooks |  1 black 3in. binder |
|  2 composition notebooks-graphing paper |  1 package of 5 dividers w/tabs |
|  4 plastic folders w/brads |  1 12in ruler |
|  4 black fine point dry erase markers |  1 bottle of hand sanitizer |
|  4 multi-colored dry erase markers |  1 set of goggles |
| |  1 set of headphones (over the ear) |



1st Day School Supplies

Technology

La Tecnología

- A Chromebook will be assigned to all scholars.
- Non-school issued technology
 - Phones (turned off and stored in backpacks)
 - Smart Watches or Other Devices
- Se asignará un Chromebook a todos los académicos.
- La tecnología no emitida por la escuela
 - Teléfono móvil (apagado y guardado en mochilas)
 - Relojes inteligentes

Technology & Books

Tecnología y Libros



Solar Families

As the end of the year is approaching please:

- Locate any library books with DISD barcodes at home.
- **Keep all library books and computers** until the beginning of next year.
- Remember to keep library books and computers inside, clean and away from pets.
- You may check your library account here

<https://tinyurl.com/yaxmjg5o>



If you have any questions please
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*Per DISD Library Media Services
Students WILL NOT be held at fault for not
returning books to the library during this
quarantine time frame.



Familias de Solar

A medida que nos acercamos al final del año, por favor:

- Localice los libros de la biblioteca con códigos de barras DISD en casa.
- Mantenga todos los libros y computadoras de la biblioteca hasta principios del próximo año.
- Recuerde mantener los libros de la biblioteca y las computadoras adentro, limpios y lejos de las mascotas.
- Puede consultar su cuenta de la biblioteca aquí



Si tiene alguna pregunta, envíe
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*Por Servicios de la Biblioteca de DISD
NO se considerará culpable a los
estudiantes por no devolver los libros a la
Biblioteca durante este período de
cuarentena.

Grading Changes

- **Classwork/Homework:** 45% (no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ homework)
 - Homework
 - Required and graded
 - Up to 4 nights per week
 - Up to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours per night - TOTAL
- **Tests:** 20%
- **Projects/Products:** 20%
 - (Examples: A composition, research paper, presentation, report, product)
- **Six-Weeks Test Grade:** 15%

Based Upon Return to School

How can I assist my scholar?

Parental Involvement - #1 indicator for student success

- Consistently checking grades
- Encourage an after-school routine for homework
- Oversee organization but ultimately hold your daughter responsible.
- Reinforce school expectations
- Practice social skills and communication skills
- Encourage extra-curricular involvement, if possible.

COVID Impact Strategies

Reading

Summer:

- Optional Google Classroom: chsqxx4
- Blended Learning with a Flipped Model
- Summer Check-Ins
- Summer Reading with Tasks
- Level Out of Lexia

Fall:

- Study Hall built into Schedule
- 2nd Six Weeks After School Tutorials
- Homework

Math

Fall:

- Flipped Classrooms
- Blended Learning Playlists
- One on One Check Ins
- Video Tutorials
- 2nd Six Weeks After School Tutorials
- Homework



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6th Grade Reading

6th Grade RLA Reading Language Arts

- Students enrolled in 6th Grade RLA will:
 - Learn all 6th grade 6th Grade RLA Standards.

6th Grade Pre-AP RLA Reading Language Arts

- Students enrolled in 6th Grade Pre-AP RLA will:
 - Use text with higher Lexile Level.
 - Increased amount of assignments.
 - Learn all 6th grade 6th Grade RLA Standards **with Depth & Complexity and less repetition.**

Structure of Blended Learning **Reading** Block

- Flipped Classroom Model
- Direct Teaching
 - Modeling
 - Guided Practice
- Teacher/Student Conference
- Aligned to daily learning objective
- Stations: Daily rotation model for Project Based Learning
- Stations: 15-20 min. rotations- Lexia, Skill Building, Writing, and Read-to-Self

Reading Genre Pacing Guide

All units will include:

- Close reading
- Evidence-based writing
- Vocabulary in context and isolation
- Study of Roots and Affixes
- Precise & Figurative Language
- Collaborative Communication

1st 6 weeks: *Fiction & Poetry*

- Critical reading of literary texts
- Making meaning from visuals
- Writing a literary analysis
- Critical reading of poetry and drama
- Purposeful revision

2nd 6 weeks: *Informational & Augmentative*

- Critical reading of essays and arguments
- Synthesizing ideas across texts
- Writing an analysis of an argument

3rd 6 weeks: *Review of 1st & 2nd Six Weeks*

4th 6 weeks: *Biography & Fiction, Informational*

- Oral delivery and dramatic presentations
- Critical reading of literary and informational texts
- Analyzing author's choices
- Summarizing Life's Works

5th 6 weeks: *Review all genres & Mock STAAR exam*

- Critical reading of literary and informational texts
- Analyzing authors' choices
- Writing a literary analysis

6th 6 weeks: *Year in Review & state STAAR exam.*

(subject to change)





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6th Grade Social Studies

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- Students enrolled Social Studies will:
 - Learn all 6th grade Social Studies Standards.

6th Grade Pre-AP Social Studies

- Students enrolled in 6th Grade Social Studies will:
 - Higher Lexile Level of Connected Texts.
 - Increased amount of assignments.
 - learn all 6th grade Social Studies Standards **with Depth & Complexity with** less repetition.



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Math Instructor

6th Grade Pre-AP Math

- Students enrolled in 6th Grade Pre-AP mathematics will:
 - Learn **all 6th grade** mathematics standards.
 - Learn **50% of the 7th grade** mathematics standards.
 - Take **6th grade** STAAR Test.
- This class will put students on track to take Pre-AP Algebra I (a high school credit class) in 8th grade. Some students will have class for 45 minutes, and some for 90 minutes depending on the support they need.

6th Grade Pre-AP Math Structure

Whether in the classroom or learning from home. What to expect in math:

- **Flipped classrooms-** Students will have an assignment to do at home to introduce them to the lesson.
- **Hands on learning-** Students will model math concepts using manipulatives on a regular basis.
- **Direct teaching and independent practice-** Teachers will model problems and students will be released to practice the skill.
- **Real World Problems/ Group Projects** - Students will use math concepts to solve real world problems in many areas (Ex: money, entertainment, hot news topics).
- **Blended learning-** based on mastery, playlists will be assigned to ensure growth for every student while some students work in small groups for extra support.

6th Grade Pre-AP Math Overview

Major Components

- Multiplying and dividing decimals by hand.
- Converting between fraction/decimal/percent.
- Order of operations (PEMDAS)
- Ordering rational equations
- One and two step equations and inequalities
- Integer operations

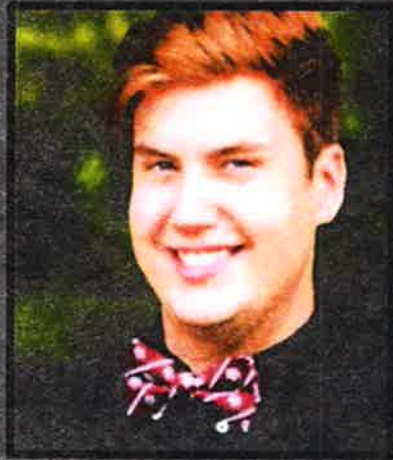
Biggest Misconceptions

- Relationships involving subtraction or division.
- Positive and negative numbers
- Relationships between fractions, decimals, and percent
- Comparing fractions
- Using the correct order of operations when manipulating expressions and solving equations

Summer Preparation

- **Practice** multiplying and dividing **decimals by hand**.
- **Parents cooking with students**. This introduces measurement, fractions, and equal parts.
- **Students helping to grocery shop** to prepare them for budgeting.
- Practice PEMDAS using Khan Academy.

6th Grade Science



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- Students enrolled in 6th Grade Pre-AP science will:
 - Learn **all 6th grade** science standards
 - Learn **50% of the 7th grade** science standards.
- This course provides the foundation for Inquiry Based Science. It allows students to create, explore, and reflect upon scientific hypotheses. Overall, this class helps progress their science education as well as their reading, writing, and mathematical skills.

6th Grade Pre-AP Science Structure

Whether in the classroom or learning from home.. What to expect in science:

- **Flipped Classrooms:** Students will have an assignment to do at home to introduce them to the lesson.
- **Blended Learning:** Playlists will be assigned to ensure growth for every student based on mastery.
- **Hands-on Labs:** Students will experiment to make connections for each standard. They will execute the scientific method and summarize their findings in a lab report.
- **Inquiry based learning:** Students will develop their natural curiosity. They will acquire the skills necessary to research and show independence in learning.

The goal is for students to actively enjoy learning, and that this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

6th Grade Pre-AP Science Overview

Major Components

- **Matter and Energy**
Periodic table
Reactions
- **Force, Motion, Energy**
Speed calculations
Energy transformations
- **Earth and Space**
Plate tectonics
Solar system
- **Organisms and Environments**
Plant and animal cells
Human body systems

Biggest Misconceptions

- Thermal transformations
- Results caused by plate tectonic movement
- Manipulating formulas to calculate speed and density.
- Identifying the known variables based on units
- Plant and animal cells

Summer Preparation

- **Parents cooking with students** introduces students to convection, physical and chemical reactions, tools they will use in the lab, and units.
- **Encourage** nature-based **curiosity**.
- **Explain how science is everywhere** and how it incorporates all contents.

Save the Dates

Anote estas Fechas

- **Meet the Teacher Night**

- PK & Kinder: August 13
- 1st & 6th August 24
- 2nd & 5th August 25
- 3rd & 4th August 26

- **First Day of School**

- Monday, August 17, 2020

- **Noche de Conocer a Maestras**

- PK y Kinder: el 13 de agosto
- 1 y 6: el 24 de agosto
- 2 y 5: el 25 de agosto
- 3 y 4: el 26 de agosto

- **Primer Día de Escuela**

- Lunes, 17 de agosto del 2020

Please Sign In
Por Favor Registrese

<https://bit.ly/2zUmk9L>

Questions?
¿Preguntas?



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can girls wear any color jacket or just black? **Khaki, Navy, White, or Black**
2. Can they wear hoodies as long as they don't put the hood on? **No hoodies.**
3. How much is the supply kit? **\$79.99**
4. Which Lexia will be available over the summer? Power Up or Regular? **Right now, it is regular for the summer.**
5. Are we going to rotate from class to class or will the students mix and mingle? **Yes**
6. Will social studies be World Cultures? **Yes**
7. Will the scholars be at the same campus or different campus? **As we know right now, our scholars will be housed at the same campus?**
8. Will the students attend the same class everyday or will it be an A/B schedule? **Pending Covid19 adjustments, they will attend core content classes every day.**
9. Will they have access to ST Math over the summer? **Yes**
10. Will the homework prepare the scholars for classwork? **Yes, it supports the flipped classroom model explained by the teachers.**
11. When will students receive their schedules? **Students will receive their schedules prior to the first day of school.**

Frequently Asked Questions

12. Will they have lockers or cubbies? **They will continue to have cubbies.**
13. When will the puberty class that was supposed to occur during the last six weeks going to be rescheduled? **We will send out a communication when it will be rescheduled.**
14. What type of headphones should they purchase? **We prefer over the ear, but you can decide which ones are best for your scholar?**
15. Will there be after school clubs? **Yes.**
16. Are we going to have typing class? **This will be determined by the technology teacher.**
17. The supplies list requests two types of headphones, do we have to purchase both? **No**
18. If school does not begin as normal, what will happen to the supplies that are purchased? **The supplies will be housed at the school and if the schedule format changes, we will make arrangements for the supplies to be picked up?**
19. How will dual language be incorporated into the pre-AP schedule? **There is not a Dual language classe in sixth grade. However, English Learners will be served by a bilingual teacher.**
20. Will Sisterhood circle still be the same? **The safety and healthy of our scholars and staff is our first priority. Sisterhood Circle is a major component to our culture and we will communicate any adjustments to our day to day operations.**