

6th Grade Mathematics and Science

Teacher: Mrs. Starla Thompson

About The Teacher: This is my 13th year teaching. It is my 1st year at Springdale Elementary School. I am from Thorn Hill. I have 4 adult children. My focus this year is to help my students become powerful in Math and robust in Science. I plan on an exceptional and wonderful year with Springdale!

Class Materials: Class materials list can be found on the school Facebook page, as well as on our school website.

Classroom Expectations:

1. **Be Here:** I believe all students can learn, but I can't teach someone who isn't in class.
2. **Be Involved:** It's up to you to put in the work to pass my classes.
 - a. Don't be afraid to Ask questions
 - b. Please Raise your hand
 - c. Definitely Do your work
 - d. Do your Best!
3. **Be Nice:** I have a zero tolerance policy for being mean.. Your words and actions matter and can have a lasting impact on your peers, whether positive or negative.
4. **Be Respectful:** The Golden Rule states "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you." Translation – if you want to be treated with respect, treat others with respect. This expectation extends to the entire school, not just the classroom. Also be respectful of other people's things.

Discipline Policy: In order to guarantee your child's (and all students) learning experience, students must adhere to the classroom expectations. Please refer to the school handbook for the school wide discipline policy. The 6th grade class has a conduct book for recording disciplinary infractions. If a student has three unexcused absences, or gets six infractions/write-ups for a semester, he or she *will not be permitted to attend any field trips or other fun activities for that semester*. Any in-school or out of school suspensions will automatically warrant a loss of privileges including field trips and other fun school activities.

Classroom Procedures: Come to class on time and come prepared. Be ready to work.

Food Policy: Please clean-up after yourself. No liquid in the trash cans! Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle that can be refilled. Absolutely NO energy drinks.

Cheating Policy: Cheating creates trust issues as well as zero's.

Artificial Intelligence policy: With the increasing popularity of artificial intelligence (also known as AI), students are tempted to use these tools when completing assignments. Using AI to complete an assignment is a form of cheating, and using it to complete assignments will result in a zero.

Absence Policy: If a day of school is missed, students should see the teacher to receive any missing work. Generalizations of what we covered can be found on google classroom. Any hard copies completed in class will be found in the students' folder or workbook in the classroom.

Grading Policy: All students will have work graded and returned to them. Below is the grading scale that I use in my classes.

- Daily work, Home work, Vocabulary - 70%
- Entrance / Exit tickets / Binder upkeep - 10%
- Tests and Quizzes - 20%

Makeup Work: We encourage all students to **not** miss school unless it is absolutely necessary. Classroom time is instructional time that cannot be made up; it is simply gone. When an assignment is made, he/she will be responsible for that assignment on its due date. If the student is absent on the due date, the assignment will be due the day he/she returns to school. The following conditions apply to makeup work:

1. Makeup time allowed will be equal to the time missed. For example, if a student misses two days of school, two days will be allowed after returning to school to complete makeup work.
2. Arranging to make up work is the responsibility of the student.
3. Tests missed during the absence will be taken during the regularly scheduled class time or at another time agreeable to the teacher and the student.
4. *A zero (0) may be recorded for all work a student fails to make up.*

Homework Policy: Homework will be sent home as-needed.

Mathematics Curriculum: Grade 6 Math uses the "Savvas" curriculum.

Science Curriculum: Grade 6 Science uses the "Savvas" curriculum.

*All standards taught can be found at
<https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/academic-standards.html>

Teacher Contact Information:

It is school district policy that teachers cannot discuss students or student assignments on any social media. Legally, I cannot respond to ANY message about your student on Facebook Messenger, Instagram, TikTok, or any site. If you want to contact the teacher, please use the methods listed below.

Planning Period:

Planning is 9:50-10:35. You can call me at this time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. **School Phone:** (423)-626-9142

Email: starla.thompson@claibornecsd.org

The **best** way to contact me is through the Remind app.

Please keep the rest of the packet and return this page only.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation during your child's educational journey.

Please review this syllabus with your child and sign below.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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Please sign and return this page. Thank you.

"I have reviewed Mrs. Thompson's 6th grade syllabus with my child and we understand the requirements of the course."

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____