

Dear Parents,

I am excited to have your child in my class this year! It will be a year full of fun and hard work.

I believe that each student experiences the feeling of success through their dedication and hard work in school. I believe the students are responsible for their individual success in the classroom. It is my responsibility to guide them and help them out when help is needed.

I believe that school should be a place where all students can be comfortable. I think that having some fun plays a big role is that! It is my hope that your child has some good laughs throughout the year and comes home each day with a smile on his or her face.

Thank you for your interest in your child's education. I am looking forward to this year being a great experience for everyone!

Sincerely,

Mr. Jackson Graf

*As sixth grade students, YOU are responsible for yourselves. YOU are responsible for you behavior, your belongings, and your schoolwork. Your teacher is NOT responsible. Your parents are NOT responsible. Your friends are NOT responsible.*

*YOU are responsible for YOU!*

### **Thursday Folders**

In sixth grade this year, I will be sending home a Thursday folder each Thursday (or last day of the week) throughout the school year. The folder will contain all assignments corrected from that week. Sometimes tests and assignments taken on the last day of the week will be in the folder the following week.

The Thursday folder has a record keeping sheet taped inside that has spaces for it to be dated and signed each weekend when your child brings it home. It is to be returned Monday (or first day of the week.) This folder is to help ensure that graded assignments make it home and parents are seeing what and how their children are doing in school. Having it signed shows me that parents see the work and students are getting it home. Also, having the folders signed is a way for students to earn tokens for Token Village, which will happen later in the school year.

## **Classroom Management**

### **Class Guidelines and Expectations:**

My expectations are fairly simple. I will be communicating them with the class and talking about when they encompass. They are as follows:

Respect for everyone (self, classmates, and teachers)  
Have a good work ethic (work hard and do your best)  
The Golden Rule (treat others the way you want to be treated)

### **Consequences:**

For minor offenses, students will have to pay tokens as a fine. If minor offenses continue, students will meet with myself and talk about it and other action may be taken.

For major offenses, students will still pay a fine of tokens, but they may also be sent to the office.

## **Homework**

Homework is expected to be completed and turned in before class starts the day after it is issued. Students must have it completed and turned in to have a turn to roll for homeworkopoly for the day. If homework is not completed, students will lose their roll for the day and will lose points for late work.

1 day late = 2 points lost

2 days late = 4 points lost

3 or more days late = student can only earn up to half of total points.

## **Gym Class**

Each week, students need to bring separate clothes for gym class. They will need a t-shirt, tennis shoes, socks, and shorts. They will have around 30 minutes of floor time, and ten minutes after to shower, clean up, and get ready for the classroom.

## **Snacks**

We will take a milk and snack break most days during the afternoon. If you would like your child to have milk, please complete the form sent home in the school newsletter packet. If you would like your child to have a snack, they only bring one for themselves. Please keep them nutritious. Crackers, dried fruit, fruit snacks, or jerky are some good choices. Stay away from sweets except for special events such as holidays or birthdays.

## Accelerated Reader

Each student is expected to read AR books of their choice throughout the school year, but books should be within their reading level. The goal during the year is to increase the reading level of the students.

The point expectations in 6<sup>th</sup> grade may be different than what you have seen in past years. There will not be a monthly party for only those students that make a certain number of points each month. Instead, point goals will be for each quarter of the school year. The goal for each quarter will be 20 points. Juice and rolls will be brought in for those that reach quarterly point goals. Class AR parties will only occur if ALL students in the class reach the quarterly goal. Having the class reach a goal is a tremendous accomplishment and the party will last most of the day!

In addition to seeing a change in AR awards/parties, a grade will also be tied to Accelerated Reader. The quarterly goal of twenty points will go into the grade book as a test grade. If students reach the goal, they get a 100% (20 out of 20) as the test grade. If they do not reach the goal and have 15 points, for example, they will get a 75% as the test grade (15 out of 20)

If you have any questions, feel free to ask. Get ready! Get set! Read!!!

### Grading Scale

100+ = A  
91-88 = B+  
81-78 = C+  
71-69 = D+

99-96 = A  
87-85 = B  
77-75 = C  
68-67 = D

95-92 = A-  
84-82 = B-  
74-72 = C-  
66-65 = D-

**Please cut and return the bottom portion of this page to school.**

**Thank you!**

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I/We have read through the Sixth Grade Packet with our child.

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Parent Signature