

SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

Middle School

In middle school, students are expected to take an active role in their learning. Listed below are skills that students should have some mastery of when entering sixth grade. During the middle school years, teachers will work with students to develop these skills and build independence. **When entering middle school, students should be able to...**

Homework	Organization	Learning Habits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use planner independently and daily to write down homework. • Evaluate what materials need to be brought home and be responsible for bringing these materials home and back to school. • Ability to access missing work when absent and complete it independently. This will be introduced in 6th grade, students should hone this skill in 7th and 8th grade. • Ability to access online book. • Use a variety of study skill to prepare for class (moving beyond a study guide). This will be introduced in 6th grade, students should continue to develop this skill in 7th and 8th grade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to a teacher's methods (e.g. where to turn in work, having a binder, sections in binder, etc.). • Keep track of materials and assignments. • Be aware of assignment due dates and complete work on time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor academic progress in Rediker. • Demonstrate proficiency with typing. Students are expected to type using both hands, not just using the "hunt and peck" method. • Demonstrate self-advocacy skills with regard to learning. Students should ask for help when they need it. Students should be the first to reach out to the teacher with questions or concerns about assignments.

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Eighth Grade

Entering Eighth Grade, students should be able to...

Literature	Writing	Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cite evidence in a persuasive essay to defend a position on a text.• Understand elements of story structure, including terms such as climax, rising action, falling action, exposition, etc.• Understand how a line of dialogue or text can demonstrate a character's point of view or conflict.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be able to identify appositives, infinitive phrases, gerunds, participles, subordinate clauses, adjective and adverb phrases, transitive and intransitive verbs, and indefinite pronouns.• Demonstrate effective prewriting using formal outlining.• Demonstrate sentence fluency with use of a variety of sentence structures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examine issues from multiple perspectives.• Predict consequences and outcomes.• Develop and use content vocabulary (orally and in assessments).• Support and justify ideas you are communicating and various points of view.• Listen objectively to a variety of viewpoints.• Use visuals to enhance oral and written presentations.• Refine note-taking skills.• Refine and regularly use reading strategies.

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Math	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate mastery of basic geometric formulas. • Recognize and combine like terms. • Independently solve two-step equations and inequalities. • Demonstrate mastery of dimensional analysis. • Demonstrate an understanding of all exponents and properties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and apply previously taught concepts related to Earth and Physical Science (e.g. the relationship between living and non-living things). • Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific method and its steps. • Demonstrate a fundamental understanding of basic algebraic and concepts.

YOU CAN GET READY THIS SUMMER BY:

- In math, utilize Khan Academy tutoring videos and resources to strengthen skills, review 7th grade tests and notes, use fractions/decimals/integers in real word situations (kitchen, shopping, etc.)
- Go online to my.hrw.com to review via videos and practice, also use interactive quizzes
- In Literature, continue to read more challenging texts and think about how small moments in the story affect its plot.
- In English, review parts of speech with online worksheets.