

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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Sixth Grade

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

Math	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate math fact fluency for all operations through 12s.• Demonstrate an understanding of all operations, including fractions.• Demonstrate an understanding of place value.• Independently solve problems using order of operations.• Understand math relationships (e.g. inverse relationships between multiplication and division) and equivalency.• Use math strategies to approach critical thinking problems.• Demonstrate a basic understanding of exponents.• Use basic measurement tools to aid in math calculations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use basic word attack and grade level reading skills to read and comprehend science texts.• Demonstrate a cursory understanding of the metric system as well as how and where it is used.• Use grade level math ability to aid in completion of scientific calculations.• Demonstrate a fundamental grasp of the relationship between the living and non-living world.

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Literature	Writing	Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utilize important elements of a story to create an objective summary of a text.Identify basic literary elements such as imagery, moral, symbolism, etc.Identify a story's overall conflict.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify and explain the function of all basic parts of speech.Research and write an informational piece of writing.Demonstrate ability to write well-developed paragraphs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Access information using printed materials, maps, visuals, technology, primary and secondary sources.Thoroughly read and summarize text evidence.Read maps, charts, and diagrams and make generalizations.Translate written information into graphic organizers and similar structured note-taking devices.Develop and use content vocabulary.

YOU CAN GET READY THIS SUMMER BY:

- In math, utilize resources like Khan Academy's online videos and tutorials to strengthen skills, review 5th grade tests and notes, find opportunities to connect math to real world situations, and memorize multiplication facts 0-12
- Keep a weekly journal and practice using writing conventions.
- Read a wide variety of books, novels, and nonfiction sources.