

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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Seventh Grade

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

Literature	Writing	Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cite evidence from the text to support a position stated in the text.• Understand literary elements and plot structure, including their use.• Identify a character's point of view or a moment of conflict through the text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be able to identify subject and predicate, prepositional phrases, simple, compound, and complex sentences, the four sentence types, pronoun and antecedent agreement, and subject and verb agreement.• Be able to express an argumentative claim through use of a thesis statement.• Effectively use proofreading symbols.• Recognize the difference between revising and editing written work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access information using printed materials, maps, visuals, technology, primary and secondary sources.• Evaluate sources for reliability.• Differentiate between facts and interpretations. Recognize bias and stereotypes.• Develop and use content vocabulary.• Present to an audience.• Listen objectively to a variety of viewpoints.• Begin developing more independent note-taking skills.• Begin developing more complex reading strategies.

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Math	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate mastery of all operations including integers.• Demonstrate mastery of operations on decimals, percentages, fractions (and their equivalency)• Independently solve one-step equations.• Complete problems involving tables (i.e. using the "plug and chug" method).• Use basic conversion factors to solve problems.• Set up and solve problems using proportions.• Demonstrate an understanding of positive exponents and be able to use them in calculations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand that nature tends to move toward a balanced state.• Demonstrate respect for the complexity and interrelatedness of all living things.• Understand and explain that science is a process that can be used to solve real world problems.

YOU CAN GET READY THIS SUMMER BY:

- In math, utilize Khan Academy tutoring videos and resources to strengthen skills, review 6th 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 critically about the elements in the text.