Back to School Night
6th Grade
Please Sign In and Grab Your Child’s Packet

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HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!
YOU GOT THIS!
Who Are We?

Mr. Corcoran
SJUSD 29 years (25 years in 6th grade)

Mr. Edgemon
SJUSD 22 years (15 years in 6th grade)

Mrs. Muraoka
SJUSD 21 years (15 years in 6th grade)

Welcome to Middle School!

Make no mistake, this IS the beginning of your student’s middle school experience. It is our commitment to you and your students to provide a very similar experience as is being offered in middle schools district wide to prepare your child for 7th/8th grade and high school. The difference is that their experience with us can be more personalized with greater connection between students, teachers and parents.

- Middle school adoptions
- Middle school behavior expectations (students & families)
- Grade Reports
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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- Amplify
- Novel Study
  Hatchet by, Gary Paulsen
  Watsons Go To Birmingham 1963 by, Christopher Paul Curtis
  The Cay by, Theodore Taylor

- Spelling - 18 units
- Vocabulary - novel specific
  - SRA

MATH

- Homework Support
  - The time to ask questions is during class
  - Reread instructions, check for completion, etc
  - Math Videos, Notes Online

- Curriculum - GoMath!
  - On-line Support (Videos and Math Notes)
  - Consumable Textbook
  - Number Operations, Ratios/Rates, Algebraic Expressions, Coordinate Graphing, Geometry, Measurement/Data (Statistics)

- Fact Fluency
**HISTORY**

- Use TCi text, History Alive!
- Learn about Early Man & Dev. of Cities, Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece
- Lesson Packets (LP) need to be complete, detailed, turned in
- Projects- World Map, Mesopotamian Persuasive Essay, Development of Man, Buddha Wheel to name a few
- All Projects will have examples online
- Egypt Contract, Museum & Docents
- Culminating activity- A Night of Ancient Tales- integrating stories, myth, history, and writing

**COMMUNICATION**

Email - Your child’s teacher has already sent several emails. If you have not received any, please let us know. Voicemail (Do not use)

Thursday Folders
- Will report missing homework *first trimester only*
- Gradual release to independence...grade reports will most accurately reflect missing work

Grade Reports
- Roughly every two weeks; dates for the year are printed in Thursday Folder...mark your calendar
- Signed and due the next day - this is a homework assignment
- Missing work may be turned in for late credit
GRADE REPORTS

- Top box - summary and grades to date in each standard
- Lower portion - itemized list of assignments
- Key - explains marks shortcuts
- Missing work
  - Should be gathered *the next day*
  - Turn in by the following Monday.
  - No name - No credit
  - Assignments that students turned in and have a stamp/grade may have been inadvertently missed and can be turned in again for full credit

***Students MUST maintain a file system to keep scored assignments for the trimester***

SO YOU WANT EXTRA CREDIT?

PLEASE, TELL ME MORE ABOUT HOW YOU DIDN'T DO THE REGULAR CREDIT...
**Homework Expectations**

- Proper Heading
  - First Name, Last Name, Student Number (C-#, E-#, M-#).
  - Date
- Complete to the best of student ability
- Neat to the best of student ability
- On time
- Thoughtful
- MATH - WORK MUST BE SHOWN for computation!
- Answers should be in complete sentences.. spelling counts!

**Absent & Late Work**

I was absent from your class yesterday. Did I miss anything important?

No, we just sat around and waited for you to come back.
ATTENDANCE, TARDIES & SIGNING OUT EARLY

- Students will struggle if they miss an excessive amount of school.
- They’re expected to follow the procedures outlined on their absent envelope (parents too).
  - All assignments, class and homework, must be made up
- Requests for homework to be sent to the office for pick up must come by email and cannot be guaranteed.
- “I need __________ to be in the office ready to go at 10:00.” We are unable to honor such requests.
- Please do not schedule appointments between 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
- Pick-up (congregating outside classrooms prior to dismissal)

INDEPENDENT STUDY

- Two week notice
- Five day absence minimum
- No vacations (district policy)
- Work is due the day student returns
- Initiate request with classroom teacher
- Requires principal approval
SCIENCE CAMP

Sly Park Outdoor School - [http://www.slyparkcenter.org/](http://www.slyparkcenter.org/)

- December 11th - 15th
- Chaperones - 8-9 depending on enrollment (no charge for chaperones)
- Drivers - Additional drivers to transport students & luggage
- Diet Restrictions - parent contacts Connie at slyparkkitchen@coe.net by November 17th

**All volunteers must be fingerprint & driving form cleared by September 15th**

Required Forms

- Student Registration (yellow)
- Medication Authorization Form (blue) - Dr. Signature required for all Rx and OTC meds - Make appointment now!
- SJUSD Permission Slip (pink)
- Forms Due November 1st

“I Didn’t Know”

- Rest assured that via...
  - Newsletters to parents (will coincide with grade reports being sent home)
  - Classroom announcements/instructions
  - Grade reports
  - Planner/Websites
  - Assignment documents

...students HAVE been given the information. If they truly don't know, they are expected to see their teacher themselves to clarify. This is an important age-appropriate skill that we will focus on all year. We ask that all grown-ups refuse to accept “I don’t know” as an answer any longer. Our students are smart enough and strong enough to seek out the information they require to be successful.
WHO SAYS TEACHING IS STRESSFUL?

I'M 39, AND I FEEL GREAT!