

sixth GRADE

Welcome to our class! Sixth grade is an exciting year. We are thrilled to partner with you and your family this school year in order to help your child grow and experience success. Listed below are key points that will help you navigate sixth grade. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Class Rotations

Students will be mixed to move between core classes. This will happen after a few weeks into the year. The schedule is linked to the [Sixth Grade Homepage](#).

Student Planner

All students will receive a planner on the first day of school, unless they opted to purchase their own. Students are expected to record at home learning assignments and important dates in their planner. This will prepare them for middle school and beyond when they will be expected to keep track of assignments and create checklists of tasks to complete.

Weekly Happenings

Each week we will send out an update for the week which will include information about classroom topics and events as well as upcoming dates of importance. The link to Weekly Happenings can be found on the [Sixth Grade Homepage](#).

Snack & Water Bottles

Sixth graders do not eat lunch until 1:30 pm, so it is important to send your child with a couple of **healthy snacks** to help them through the morning. Snacks should be something that's quick and easy to consume. Snacks cannot be shared. We will have two short snack breaks.

Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle. Please make sure your water bottle is clearly labeled with your name. Everyone is allowed access to his/her water bottle at all times in our classroom.

Behavior

In addition to following the behavior expectations set by Douglas County School District, Cougar Run ROCKS!

Cougar Run embraces Positive Behavior Support by explicitly teaching, modeling and recognizing students for demonstrating our core values.

R-Respect and Responsibility

O-The Power of One

C-Compassion

K-Kindness

S-Safety

We believe in Restorative Practices. If students have a conflict we encourage a time for students to voice their concerns and develop natural consequences for their actions.

Frequently Asked ?'s

Q: Who will my teacher be?

A: Each student will be assigned to a homeroom teacher. You will see each of the sixth grade teachers for your core classes.

Q: Where do I enter the building?

A: Sixth grade is housed in the mobiles. If you need to enter the building prior to school starting you can enter through the lower playground doors.

Q: Who do I email when I have a question?

A: For information regarding assignments, please check your child's planner/Google Classroom/Homework page.. If the answer is not provided, you may email the core teacher. For general questions, contact your homeroom teacher.

Q: Can I use my cell phone in school?

A: We understand that some students will need to have a cell phone to contact parents. ***If you bring a cell phone to school it must be turned off (or placed on airplane mode) and left in your backpack throughout the school day.*** You may continue your use of the cell phone once you exit the building.

Q: What do I do if I am absent?

A: If you are absent or miss a class for any reason it is **YOUR** responsibility to check in with your teacher, either through email or during your core classes when you return.

Literacy

We utilize the Wonders program. This program is designed to foster a love of reading in all children. Through exploration of texts and daily development of their skills as readers, writers, speakers, and active listeners, students experience the power of literacy. The focus is on teaching the whole child – and every child – preparing students to be lifelong learners and critical thinkers.

Students will have access to both printed and online materials and resources. There are also a variety of exciting games and activities that align with the concepts being taught in class.

Math

In math, students will build on their previous understanding of math concepts. We will work on building personal responsibility through engaging, student-centered activities that build a growth mindset.

We will be using the Ready Classroom Math program. Most materials can be accessed online and students will also receive a consumable workbook.

SEL

We utilize the Wayfinder program. Students will work through weekly lessons to help them learn to identify and work through social situations and conflicts.

Social Studies

We will be exploring the geography and rich history of the Western Hemisphere and how different cultures have interacted and influenced one another. Students will also identify and analyze different economic systems and various systems of government. In addition, students will be reading about and discussing a variety of current events and their impact on the world.

Science

Students will learn to “Think like a scientist” utilizing the skills we build with our growth mindset study. Through scientific exploration and research students will learn about concepts related to life, earth and physical science through the STEMScopes program. Students practice writing CERs (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning)

Outdoor Education

The sixth graders will be heading to YMCA of the Rockies at Snow Mountain Ranch. Information about Outdoor Ed is linked to the [Sixth Grade Homepage](#). The trip is scheduled for October 1-3.. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child’s homeroom teacher.



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