

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS

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CONTACTING TEACHERS

Because teachers spend the day teaching your children and attending team, department, and other meetings, we usually are unable to check our e-mail and voicemail until the end of the school day. We will make every attempt to return your emails and phone calls within 24 hours.

If you have a question or concern about a specific class, please contact that teacher first. Usually a simple phone call or email will answer a question about an assignment or something that happened in that class which affects your child.

PLANNERS AND HOMEWORK

Check your child's planner daily. It should be filled out completely every day and should be the most current record of homework and due dates. If there is no homework for a class, students are expected to write what took place in class. Teachers may write messages to parents in planner so it is important to check them every day. On Tuesdays, advisors will be checking planners for parent signatures.

SIXTH GRADE WEBSITE

Weekly assignments and grades can be accessed through our school website (www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/sams) and by clicking on the tabs on the left side of the screen. The sixth grade homework page is updated every Monday.

LATE WORK AND GRADES

Students will receive a deduction of points for any work turned in past the due date. Check with each teacher for their class policy on late work.

The best way to determine your child's grade status in a class is by accessing the online grading system. Please understand that it takes time for teachers to grade assignments and to enter grades online. Please contact Traci Adams, the middle school secretary, for help on how to use the online grading system. (612-706-1030)

Missing assignments will show up on the online grades. If your child thinks that he/she turned an assignment in but it shows up without a grade, check their folder/notebook, locker or at home. Students sometimes complete homework but forget to turn it in or turn it in to the wrong place.

ABSENCES AND H1N1 FLU RECOMMENDATIONS

According to the school policy, "a student shall be allowed two school days for the first day absent and one day for each additional day missed to make up work and receive full credit." Also, if students know they will be absent for a family vacation, please notify the teachers and the attendance office at least a week in advance.

Because of the current H1N1 flu outbreak, we are encouraging students to wash their hands often for at least 20 seconds, cover coughs, sneeze into tissues, get enough sleep at night, and have a good diet. Symptoms of the H1N1 flu include a fever of 100° or higher, sore throat, coughing, chills, fatigue, aches, and sometimes vomiting or diarrhea. To decrease the possibility of spreading illnesses to others, students with a fever should *not* come to school. Students can return to school when they have not had a fever (without the help of medicine or fever reducers) for at least 24 hours.

ORGANIZATION AND PUNCTUALITY

Some sixth graders can have difficulty staying organized throughout the year. Help your child plan so that they can meet deadlines and work around other commitments such as music lessons or sports. Assist them in keeping their backpacks, folders, and lockers neat. Classes in sixth grade usually have different color-coded materials to help keep things organized. It's a good idea to organize backpacks and other school materials before bedtime to avoid forgetting necessary homework, books, and forms/money during the typical morning chaos found in many homes.

Students may use two hall passes out of their planner per day to either go to their locker or to the bathroom.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Many assignments in sixth grade require computers, printers, and internet access. If these are unavailable in your home, the school's Media Center is open until 4:00 p.m. every day. Public libraries also offer computers and internet access.

Gum is not allowed in the middle school.

HEADS UP INFORMATION

Major projects to expect in sixth grade are flight projects and bridge project in Science, five paragraph essays in Language A, two book projects in Reading, and an oral test in Spanish.

Anticipated field trips include Biz Town and a fun field trip on the last day of school. If you are interested in helping chaperone and lead a student group at BizTown, please contact Ginny Kagol (gkagol@stanthony.k12.mn.us).