

Sixth-Grade Handbook



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Welcome Sixth Graders and Parents!

Contact Info

You can reach me by:

- School Phone: 647-5892 ext. 230
Best times to reach me: 7:30-8:00 and 2:54-3:30
- Note in your child's homework folder (this will come home daily)
- Email me(This is the best way as I can get back to you very quickly)
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The Wildcat Way

To have the classroom and our school run smoothly and safely there are expectations that the students and teachers in the school will follow.

Each Wildcat Big or Small will Be:

1. Respectful
2. Responsible
3. Safe
4. Kind

During the first few days of school we will discuss these expectations in each area of our school. Reminders will be given as needed, but as 6th graders it is my expectation that they will follow our Wildcat Ways!

Behavior Plan

My goal is to reward the positive behaviors that I see in action. I am looking for the great things that our students are doing, you will know what is happening with your student behaviorally by looking at class dojo. Your student will be awarded points for following the Wildcat Way. If your student has a problem following our school expectations points can be taken away. Our class will be earning group and individual rewards based on the points of class dojo.

In the event of extreme behavior one or more of the following will happen and the school discipline policy will be followed based on the situation at hand:

- Student will be removed from the situation
- Parents will be notified
- Detention may be assigned
- Discipline policy will be followed with administration support and approval

Detention

Detention is served during lunch recess, 11:35-11:55. During detention students can read, work on homework, or sit quietly. Detention will be in Ms. Reidt's room Monday and Wednesday, and in Mrs. Chrisman's room Tuesday and Thursday. If your student receives detention you will be notified via letter or email. In repeat cases you will be phoned as well.

Examples of Detention:

- Use of electronics
- Incomplete homework/classwork
- Behavioral problems
- Unexcused Tardies

Cell Phones and Electronics

Wilbur Elementary has a strict no cell phone policy. Cell phones (including smart watches) are not allowed at Wilbur Elementary between the hours of 8:10-2:54. This means your child cannot have them in class, at recess, or anywhere else in the building. I am realistic and realize that some students do have phones, the phones need to be turned off and in their backpacks for the duration of school. If the phone is out, I will follow the rules of the handbook and confiscate the phone turning it into the office to be collected. The first time will be a warning, each time after will be detention and the phone will need to be picked up in the elementary office.

School Hours

- School hours are 8:05-2:54 (M-TH) and 8:05-1:30 (F).
- Students are considered tardy if they arrive after 8:10 a.m.

The school is open for students to arrive at 7:50 a.m. Please do not send your student before that time, since there is no supervision available. All elementary students need to be outside at recess until the bell rings at 8:05 a.m. If the students are having breakfast they will do this before recess.

Attendance

It is very important that students are in attendance and on time everyday. If your child must be absent due to illness, they will receive an absent folder the day they return.

If your student is absent they will have a homework sheet filled out by Ms. Reidt and Mrs. Chrisman. Stapled to the homework sheet will be all

materials needed to complete the activities. Please note the student has one day for each day missed to complete the work. For example, if your student misses 2 days they will have 2 days from the day they picked up the absent work to make up the assignments. Anything not returned will be a 0 in the grade book.

Please note that not all lessons the student missed can be made up. Most of the learning we do is hands on and in the moment. It is very important that all students are at school as much as possible.

Homework

Sixth graders will receive homework at least once a week, beginning the second week of school. It will come home in their folders and should be returned to school by the due date.

Homework might include:

- ❖ Unfinished classwork
- ❖ Math activity
- ❖ Science activity
- ❖ Coding activity
- ❖ AR Reading

Homework should always be completed in **pencil**. Homework is an important part of sixth grade learning; it helps enforce the learning that we have started during school. You can help by making sure your child completes and returns all required assignments each night. Please feel free to check for mistakes and help your child make corrections. Also, please let me know by note or phone call if your child is experiencing any special difficulties with the homework assignments.

Lost Lake

All 6th graders attend a week-long camp at Lost Lake outside of Republic. We attend camp the 2nd full week in May, this year will be May 11-15th, parent day at camp is May 13th. Mark your calendars now! We will also have a parent meeting March 11th at 6:00 pm that will be mandatory for all parents.

Class News

Please check Class Dojo as I will post pictures, events, activities, and any other 6th grade news on the app.



Breakfast/Lunch

Students buying breakfast, lunch or milk tickets will need to purchase the tickets at the school office or on the school website. When your child has less than \$1.00 you will receive an automated phone call each evening UNTIL the bill is paid.

Breakfast is served from 7:50-8:00 a.m. for all students. Our class eats lunch at 11:55-12:15. Family members are always welcome to join their student for lunch, but the school must be notified by 8:30 am.

Snacks

In both fifth and sixth grade we do not have class snack time. But each day the students will be given a short break in the morning where if they would like to bring a healthy snack the students may eat it.

Water bottles are allowed in class, as long as the student only has water in it. Gatorade, juice and pop are not allowed during the class day.

Please also remember that pop is not allowed at lunch time; juice, water and milk only.

Book Orders

Book orders will be sent home approximately once a month. If you choose to order you can do so online or by sending in the order form with a check.

Classroom Volunteers

Adult family members are welcome to help out in the classroom. Before they can help they must fill out a background form, this can be picked up and returned in the office. Some of the activities that volunteers are needed for include; copying, reading with children, creating materials, cutting out papers, helping with parties and fieldtrips. Forms will be distributed at open house for you to let me know which activities you would

like to help out with. It is necessary to leave younger siblings at home when you come to help out, since the sixth-graders tend to be distracted by their younger family members.

Student of the Month

Each month one or two sixth grade students are chosen to receive the student of the month award at the elementary assembly. You are always welcome to join us for the elementary assemblies, which are usually held the last school day of the month at 2:00 in the elementary court.

Students are chosen based on the following criteria:

- Following the Wildcat Way
- Classroom Behavior
- Academics
- Attendance
- Effort/Improvement

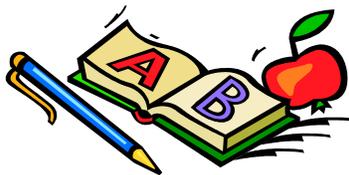
I will notify you if your child is chosen so that you can make the decision to attend the assembly.

Parent Communication

Parent communication is very important to me, I cannot express enough that I am open to parents calling, emailing, or stopping in if they have a concern (please sign in at the office first). I will do everything in my power to help answer any questions that you have. I communicate with notes, email and classdojo.

Student-Led Conferences

At the fall and spring conferences, each second grader will accompany his/her adult family members to participate in a student-led conference. I cannot express enough how important for your child's learning these conferences are. At the conference each student will share work samples with his/her family to demonstrate progress made during the quarter and to set goals for the remainder of the year. An opportunity for private discussion time between parents and teacher will be available, if requested.



What's My Grade?

Letter Grades

In 5th and 6th grade students will have letter grades for all subject areas. Grades will be based on assignment and test points. Each assignment and test will be worth a set number of points and then entered into the student's gradebook. All assignments and tests are weighted the same in regards to how they count towards the overall grade.

Percentage Points

- A- 100% - 90%
- B- 89.99% - 80%
- C- 79.99%- 70%
- D- 69.99% - 60%
- F- 59.99% and Below

Grade Mark

On each assignment the student will be graded on each question. Most questions you will see are worth 4 points each, here is a breakdown of what I am looking for:

+4 ~ Complete answer, clearly explained. All parts of the question are answered in detail. The answer is written with proper mechanics (grammar is correct). The question is restated.

- ~Complete answer
- ~Clearly explained with detail
- ~Mechanics (periods and capitals)
- ~Question restated
- ~Math is shown with a model or equation
- ~Answer is boxed and easily found

+3 ~

+2~ -1 point for each of the above items missing per question

+1~

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