

Welcome to **6th Grade**, I am very excited for the coming school year and having a

new bunch of kids and families to get to know! I pray that God is with us as we begin a new year of learning and growing in our faith. Being prepared is a big part of being a student. We want to be prepared and have our new school supplies ready. We want to be prepared and have new textbooks and new classes. We want to be prepared and have our homework done every day. Being prepared is also a big part of our spiritual lives as well. It is up to us to be prepared for when the Lord brings opportunities to witness our faith. We want to prepare ourselves as living advertisements for the wonderful sacrifice that Christ made and the eternal glory that is to come because of his grace. May the Holy Spirit work through us this year and every year as we strive to be prepared for Christ!

I Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"

Classroom mantra: Remember "I am 3rd".

God first	(But in your heart, set apart Christ as Lord)
Others second	(be selfless, respect possessions and ideas)
Myself third	(treat myself with respect)

Our classroom is designed to be a learning environment where each child can be a scientist, mathematician, artist, explorer, author, and a loved and respected child of God. We want to put others' needs in front of our own. We want to treat all fellow students and teachers with respect and honor. Sometimes this doesn't happen and loving Christian discipline is used to try and correct the behavior, seek forgiveness, and accept a possible consequence for a behavior.

Sometimes things occur and are not brought to my attention. If you hear about something that doesn't sound God-pleasing, let me know so that I can help to solve the problem. The parents and teacher should work together in the education of their student. Our classroom is a safe place. Students are encouraged to be themselves, take educational risks, and not be afraid of making mistakes.

Teamwork I look forward to working with all of you in the school year ahead. I feel that it is very important to keep the lines of communication open between parents and teachers. I'll collect phone numbers and email addresses at the back-to-school nights. During the school year, I will send some snapshots of our class activities to your Remind app. If there are any special concerns that you have regarding your child, the classes, or the homework, please feel free to share them with me. I'm looking forward to having an entire school year to help prepare your child for the future.

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Some notes on **HOMEWORK**:

- Your student should have no more than 60 minutes of work.
- Homework encourages a child to use time wisely.
- It allows a child to review, practice, and extend the learning done in class time.
- It teaches the child to work independently.
- Homework also helps parents to learn more about what their child is learning.
- It creates communication opportunities for parents and children.

Late Work

Homework needs to be turned in at the beginning of class on the date due. If it is not turned in, it will be considered late. All late work will need to be turned in, but as a consequence, it will receive a 10% penalty. On Gradelink late work will show up as 0% until it is turned in.

Literature class

The 6th Grade will read, read, read...

- in order to gain a positive attitude towards reading.
- in order to develop fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.
- in order to increase the reading, writing, and speaking abilities.
- in order to use these skills for learning from God's Word.