

# August 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> week of school

## ACES-Mrs. Forney's 6<sup>th</sup> grade

This week's general focus has been about getting comfortable with middle school life. Next week, you will really begin delving into your specific subjects.

Math: Welcome to middle school! We will start the week off with STARR math testing on Monday. Please bring your computer to class along with a pencil, paper, calculator and a reading book.

Once the test is out of the way, we will learn how to use our on-line text books (need computers on Tuesday). You will get a textbook to take home as well, but there are cool tools and videos for you with the on-line version. We will put your log in and password in your planner so you may access it from home.

The rest of the week we will be looking at chapter one which will cover numerical expressions and factors. You will need to bring your computers again on Thursday!

Calculators for 6th grade need to be a four function calculator like the Casio SL300SV Wallet Style Calculator which is found at Wal-Mart for \$5.77. It will be awhile before they will actually need the correct calculator so don't think you need to get one right away.

Most students brought their calculator that they will need for next year. I have offered to keep them in a drawer for next year so they won't lose track of them. Some students put them in my drawer and they will stay there until they take them out.

Sorry for the confusion!

Looking forward to an awesome year with all of you!

Science: We will begin the year with a study of the scientific method as we participate in a simulation titled Science Fair. Students will study each part of a scientific model, collect, organize, and interpret data, problem solve, and earn clues to solve the mystery of the missing science fair projects. This simulation will take several weeks, but is a favorite activity of most classes.

World History: We are having fun studying the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio! The closing ceremony will be Sunday night. The Paralympics begins Monday in Rio. Wear your tie dye shirt on Monday for our very own 6<sup>th</sup> grade Summer Olympics! We will begin studying the maps in the atlas section of our textbooks and will create our own maps of Missouri.

Communication Arts: We will have an "Olympics Day" inside and outside Monday. Expect games, lessons, and FUN! The rest of the week we will begin your first writing sample. It will be focused on "Words to Live By" and will accompany a poster that we will hang in the hallway! This paper will focus on all 6 of the 6 Traits of Good Writing (Voice, Organization, Sentence Fluency, Ideas, and Conventions), which we will review. NOTE: You will take the Star Reading

Test during Keyboarding class with Mrs. Atoe on Tues. August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please take this test seriously and do YOUR BEST!!

Dental Varnish: The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were accidentally given the dental varnish page in their back to school folders. This varnish is only meant for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please disregard and know that if your middle schooler needs dental varnish they need to get this at their normal dental check-ups.

Book Orders: You will have an opportunity to purchase books at very reasonable prices (some as low as \$1!) through the Scholastic Book Club. Order forms will be send home monthly. Our class receives free books with your purchase! AWESOME! You can pay by check or online. Our class online code is: PB33G. You can order online anytime! I will also send home Scholastic Reading Club Orders periodically throughout the year. Please be aware that the book orders are now for 6<sup>th</sup> graders/middle schoolers and thus the content is geared toward older children. PLEASE preview the titles your child is interested in before purchasing to make sure their content matches your family's beliefs/appropriateness for your child. Some children are ready for more mature content now and some are not. Every family is different.

Book It!: The Pizza Hut Book It pizza incentive program will begin in October. Students will need to meet our monthly AR Quiz/book report expectation to be able to earn a Book It! Pizza.

Transportation: Please send a note with your child or call the office immediately if your child's transportation home changes.

### ~Dates to Remember:

8/22: D.C. Trip mtg.- during lunch in Mrs. Forney's room- prepare for our trip

8/22: Garden Club mtg.- 8-8:20am in 4<sup>th</sup> grade room- eat zucchini bread and make zucchini chips

8/23: Take the Star Reading Test during Keyboarding class

9/5: No school

9/6: PTO Ice Cream Social @ 6:30pm- A fun family event!! PTO mtg @ 7pm. Childcare/movie will be provided during the PTO mtg. Please plan to attend!

9/8: Begin D.A.R.E. class with Deputy Thompson

9/9: Patriot Day (in recognition of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>)

9/14: School Picture Day

9/15: D.A.R.E. class

9/16: Progress reports go home

9/22: D.A.R.E. class

9/28: Meet/Pray at the Pole- 7:45am. Sponsored by the PTO (in front of the school by the flag pole)

9/29: D.A.R.E. class