

Big Spring Middle School

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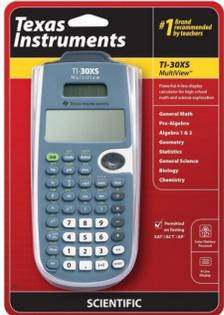


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Dear Sixth Grader:

Welcome to Sixth Grade! We look forward to meeting you at Bulldog Basics on **August 13, 2020**, to begin a new school year. Here is a list of items that will help you have a successful year. Have the items within the first week of school. If you are interested in financial support, please contact Jessica Winesickle at 717-776-2446.

General supplies

Preferred	Optional	Voluntary Classroom Donations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils with good erasers for every day of school • Ten 3-prong pocket folders for homework and notes • One pack of loose, filler paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One 12-color set of colored pencils • One pack of glue sticks • One set of earbuds to use with Chromebooks • One Texas Instruments® TI-30XS MultiView 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-inch, 3-ring binders • Packs of glue sticks • Tissues are appreciated in all classrooms.

Lockers are 10-inches x 9-inches x 49-inches. All materials must fit into the locker at the same time. Each student will be issued a lock from his/her homeroom teacher to secure items in the locker. The lock will be returned to the homeroom teacher at the end of the year. Book bags with wheels do not fit inside the lockers! Be ready to start an exciting, new year!

In addition to supplies, here are some tips for student success in 6th grade:

1. Stay Organized. Between homework, tests, and extracurricular activities, it is easy for things to slip through the cracks. The school planner is the best way for students to keep everything organized. Students should write down assignments and to-do lists, then review items in the planner at both the beginning and end of the day to stay on track.

2. Know the Expectations. Students should not have any surprises when it comes to their work and grades. It is the responsibility of students to approach teachers with questions about absent work, grading, and assignments.

3. Designate a Work Area. Help your child by providing a quiet, well-lit, low-traffic space for work time. Take it one step further and institute a “communications blackout” policy with no cell phones or social media allowed until schoolwork is done.

4. Develop a Study Plan. Know when a quiz or a test will take place and the topics that will be covered. This can be found in the planner and on the sixth-grade homework page. From there, your student can create a study plan and allow ample time to prepare.

5. Encourage a Growth Mindset. Being in the right mindset can make all the difference. Encourage your children to think constructively about their education and work. Even if they don’t succeed today, discuss what they can do to improve.

6. Practice Active Listening. It’s important for students to concentrate and avoid distractions when a teacher is presenting. They should avoid talking or thinking about personal activities when listening. If a teacher says, “This is important” or “I’ll write this on the board,” there’s a good chance students will see the concept on an exam.

7. Read Actively. Help your student to practice active reading by discussing what the chapter or novel is mainly about and help them look up unfamiliar words or concepts. After each chapter or section, have students write a summary in their own words or discuss the key ideas from the text with them.

8. Look to the Future. For some students, life after high school may seem like an intangible event in the very distant future, but in reality, it isn’t so far off. Be sure to get organized, set goals with your child, and have regular check-ins to assess progress.

We look forward to a great year together!

Sincerely,

Sixth Grade Teachers