

Dear Future Sixth Grader,

We look forward to meeting you on the first day of school! You may be a little nervous about starting middle school at Rundlett, but just remember that your teachers are here to help you. You have been placed in Cluster 6-3. The Cluster 6-3 teachers are:

Mr. Huckins, language arts/social studies

Mrs. Parent, math/science

Mrs. Lynn, special education

Language Arts

In language arts this year, students will develop skills to strengthen both their reading and writing. The goal is to produce confident writers and lifelong readers. Our curriculum is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Major units of study include: Growing Up Unit, Multicultural Unit, Greek Mythology, Narrative Writing, Informational Writing, and Argument Writing.

Math

We will be using the Eureka math program this year. The sixth grade curriculum will include, but will not be limited to, the following broad mathematical understandings: ratios and unit rates, arithmetic operations including division by a fraction, rational numbers, expressions and equations, area, surface area, and volume problems, and statistics. Students will also focus on fluency of all decimal operations, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Students will build connections between the math they already know and new math ideas.

Science

Sixth grade students will increase their knowledge of life, earth/space, and physical science, while revisiting and expanding upon certain themes to gain a better understanding of the world in which we live. Major units of study include: STEM, Ecology and Ecosystems, Rocks and Minerals, Force and Motion, Matter, and Introduction to Weather and Climate.

Social Studies

In social studies, we will travel back to ancient civilizations. Students will develop higher levels of critical thinking by considering why civilizations developed, where and when they did, and why they declined. Students will analyze the interactions among the various cultures, emphasizing their enduring contributions and the link between the contemporary and ancient worlds. The major units of study include: Foundations of Civilizations, Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient India, Ancient China, Ancient Rome and Greek Civilizations.

21C is a before and after school program that offers exciting clubs, activities, and homework help to students. 21C offers a late bus for students who are enrolled. Please check out their website for more information.

We also have webpages where homework assignments are posted. Please make sure to check the Rundlett Middle School website and click on *About Our School*. Then click on *Teacher Pages*. Finally, click on *Parent, Jessica or Huckins, Brian*. Our cluster webpage is available under both of our webpages. Going to the cluster webpage will help you if you have forgotten the homework. If you have trouble with an assignment or have a question, we regularly check our email. Please email us with questions. The following is a list of the school supplies that we're requesting our sixth grade students have for their academic classes:

Math and Science

a three-ringed binder (1" binders work best) for each class
a pocket folder for each class
a spiral notebook
dividers to separate your binders

Language Arts and Social Studies

We will be using the google classroom almost exclusively. No binders are requested for these classes.

For use in all classes

- pencils - If you get a .09 pencil, your teachers will provide lead for the year.
- erasers or pencil top erasers
- pencil case
- pocket folder (for homework)
- agenda book

Suggested Items (but not required)

- a pair of earbuds or headphones to leave at school
- white lined filler paper
- colored pencils
- markers
- highlighters
- pens
- reinforcements (to help mend broken 3-hole punched papers)
- 0.9 mm mechanical pencils (the lead doesn't break as easily as 0.5mm or 0.7 mm)

If your family is unable to buy certain school supplies, please see Mrs. Parent or Mr. Huckins and we will do our best to assist you.

We hope you enjoy your summer and look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Parent (jparent@sau8.org)

Mr. Huckins (bhuckins@sau8.org)

Mrs. Lynn (clynn@sau8.org)