

"Kick Start" Needs for 6th Graders

These are the identified skills necessary for students to kickstart the year in the right direction. Please spend time over the summer reinforcing these important skills so your child can start the new year off successfully.

Incoming SIXTH Graders:

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Nouns-person, place, thing
- Verbs-action and linking
- Adjectives-describing words
- Adverbs-describe verbs
- Simple/complete subject
- Simple/complete predicate
- Capitals at the beginning of a sentence
- Correct end punctuation
- How to write a 5-8 sentence paragraph
- Steps of the writing process with essential criteria
- Basic story elements-setting, main characters, plot, conflict/solution
- Basic comprehension skills and strategies
- Vocabulary foundation from experience of Sadlier program

MATH

- Place value
- Rounding and other estimation strategies
- Adding and subtracting decimals
- Basic knowledge of multiplying and dividing decimals
- Basic knowledge of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions
- Measurement (metric and customary systems)
- Basic knowledge of probability
- Basic knowledge of line graph, bar graph, histogram, stem and leaf plot, circle graph, and measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode, and range)
- Basic knowledge of graphing on the coordinate plane

SCIENCE

- Problem solving using scientific method
- Using experimentation to test hypotheses
- Lab safety and procedures
- Measurement using SI units
- Basic vocabulary of earth science

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Have a knowledge of basic geographic terms and maps as well as be able to understand effects of historical events studied.

RELIGION

- Know basic prayers and have knowledge of the ordering and meaning of each sacrament.