



SCHOOL SUCCESS STRATEGIES

and SURVIVAL GUIDE for 6th GRADERS

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Here's what you will love about Sixth Grade: you're the leader! Sixth grade offers you more responsibility and opportunities to help you get ready for middle school.

Six strategies that will help you navigate 6th grade include:

Strategy #1: Be yourself! This is the year to be a wonderful friend, have the confidence to try new things, and be involved!

Strategy #2: Be ready to learn!

- In Math, you will learn about integers, the metric system, algebra, and geometry. If you need reinforcement or review, you can find additional help and practice problems from Glencoe Math Connects Course 1 student edition at glencoe.mheducation.com.
- In Science, you will learn about systems: living systems, ecosystems, and the earth's physical systems. If you want to review or study, you can find support at _____
- In Social Studies, you will learn about the cultures and geography of the Western Hemisphere.
- You will read some awesome books!
 - ◆ *Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbitt
 - ◆ *Christmas Sweater*, by Glenn Beck
 - ◆ *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle
 - ◆ *Peter Pan*, by J.M. Barrie
 - ◆ *Anne of Green Gables*, by Lucy Maud Montgomery
 - ◆ *Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, by John Boyne
 - ◆ *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen
 - ◆ *Holes*, by Louis Sachar
 - ◆ *Freak the Mighty*, by Rodman Philbrick
 - ◆ *The Lightning Thief*, by Rick Riordan
 - ◆ *The Last Thing I Remember*, by Andrew Klavan
 - ◆ *The City of Ember*, by Janne DuPrau
 - ◆ *A Week in the Woods*, by Andrew Clements

Strategy #3: Don't stress over homework! Homework is finishing up what you didn't complete in class (you'll have plenty of time for your classwork), working on projects, or studying.

Strategy #4: Start out and stay organized!

- Agendas are a good reminder of upcoming assignments, and let your parents know what you're learning.
- Lockers store your stuff neatly.
- For each class, have separate folders, know what supplies and books you'll need, and keep up with assignments.
- Know your schedule, and be on time.

Strategy #5: Set 2 or 3 goals for yourself. What skill or talent do you want to develop? What would you like to learn about? What do you want to accomplish creatively, athletically, or academically? Challenge yourself! You can do hard things!

Strategy #6: Be a good example: you have a wonderful opportunity this year to be a leader to all of the younger students who look up to you!