

Billingsley School

6th Grade

Welcome

Thank you for entrusting your student's 6th grade education to us this school year. We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with your student and learn from them as they learn from us. The attached slides contain information about how things will be handled this year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Galloway or Mr. Mullins.

6th Grade Teachers:

Mrs. Galloway – English Language Arts

Mr. Mullins – Math, Science, Social Studies

Safety

Masks - Students are expected to bring a mask each day from home. Students and teachers will be required to wear masks if they are within 6 feet of others and anytime they are outside the classroom. If students cannot be 6 feet apart in the classroom due to class size, they will be required to wear a mask while in the classroom as well.

Classroom - The classroom will be cleaned each day and student movements in the classroom will be limited to reduce exposure to other students. All students will also face the same direction and teachers will change classes instead of the students.

Meals – Breakfast, lunch, and snack will be served in the classroom. Students will not be able to use microwaves in the classroom and there will be no food sharing. Students can bring snacks from home or will be able to purchase them from the school.

Safety, continued

Hand Sanitizer – Touch free hand sanitizer stations have been placed around the school and students are welcome to bring hand sanitizer from home as well.

Water – Water fountains are closed this year but students are able to bring water bottles from home. The water bottle must be able to close (no cups).

Parents/Visitors – Parents/visitors will only be allowed to go to the main office part of the school and will enter one person at a time. Parents/visitors will not be allowed to eat lunch with students.

Schoology

Schoology is a website Autauga county and many other school systems in the state are using this year to ensure virtual and in-person students are covering the same material. This allows students who are learning virtually to be working on the same material as students in class. Lessons will be posted on Schoology and will be taught in class to ensure every student has ample opportunity to cover the material whether they are physically learning in the classroom or online.

Responsibility

Responsibility and time management are two of the most important things middle school students can learn. The sooner students feel responsible for themselves, their work, and their time it helps them understand their place in the world and how they can contribute to a better home, class, school, and country. As the year progresses, students will be given more responsibility in their work and their grades.

Discipline

Billingsley uses Class Dojo for recording and reporting discipline. If you are not familiar with it, Class Dojo is an app that is accessed on your computer or phone and will update you daily regarding your child's behavior. As school starts, we will send invitations to parents who are not currently on Class Dojo to make it easier to join.

Electronics

Students are not permitted to have electronic devices out in the classroom. Cell phones and other electronics should be kept in the student's backpack and turned off.

Preparedness

Students should come to class each day with the required materials ready to learn. If students come without the required pencils, paper, and other materials it makes them worry about the wrong things instead of being able to concentrate on the subject matter being taught.

Subjects

Math – We are fortunate that 6th grade math is a very fun grade for math. We will learn about fractions, decimals, absolute value, coordinate planes, ratios, algebra, geometry, and other meaningful problems that students will continue to use throughout their lives.

English Language Arts – Sixth grade ELA consist of reading folklore, short stories, novels, informational texts, literary nonfiction, poetry, and drama. The basics of writing, expository writing, argumentative writing, and narrative writing will be covered. The basics of communication, research, and influential media will also be explored.

Science – Earth and Space Science are studied in 6th grade. We will look at Earth and its resources; how the resources came to be; and how they can be used.

Social Studies – 6th grade social studies begins with the Industrial Revolution and continues through current day. It covers events such as the Great Depression, World Wars I and II, the Cold War, as well as cultural and technological aspects that have changed society.

Thank You

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