

6th Grade Welcome Packet

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Our school year is off to a terrific start! We are excited to have your child in our classroom, and are looking forward to a wonderful year in sixth grade. Here are some routine things in our class that we would like you to know.

Homework Folders- Every Friday each student will receive a folder with work that has been graded. Inside the folder is a paper that has information, which needs to be read and then signed by a parent or guardian and returned by the following Monday unless some other arrangement has been made. If the folder isn't returned on Monday morning then the student is given a 'Warning Slip' and loses his/her free dress on Friday. Keep every assignment that is returned to you until report cards are handed out for that particular quarter.

Low Score Tests and Assignments- All tests with a score of 68% or lower needs to be signed and returned so that the teacher knows that a parent has seen that specific paper. Tests with low scores will be handed directly to the student. If the test isn't returned the following day, the student will be issued a Warning Slip. If a student has a class assignment with a 68% or lower they are given the opportunity to correct it and return it and be given a score of no more then 70% by the following Friday of when the folder was given to them.

Classwork/Homework- Students are given the opportunity to complete all work in the classroom. If anything isn't completed it is then assigned as homework and due the following day. Each student will be given a Late Pass at the beginning of every quarter. This late pass allows the student to turn in up to 4 late assignments within the given time. This pass can be used on selected classwork/homework assignments. However, it **CANNOT** be used on projects or tests. Please do not try to excuse a 5th late paper with any excuses and /or notes with reasons on why the student doesn't have his/her assignment! After the four punches are given on the pass, we will not accept ANY late work for that quarter. We want the student to be responsible for the work they are given. Assignments are for the purpose of learning a concept and should be done at the time when it is being practiced. The student should staple his/her pass to the assignment being turned in. The teacher will then punch the pass and return it to the student to be used

again. The late assignment will be marked down 10%. After 4 punches the pass is no longer valid. It is the student's responsibility to take care of his/her pass. If it is misplaced or lost in any way, they will **NOT** be given another one.

Red Fern Notebook- This year your child will be reading 'Where the Red Fern Grows'. As a class we will be putting together a notebook filled with learning concepts that correlate with the story. This notebook will have math, grammar, reading, art, science and literature assignments in it. It is very crucial that this notebook be done by every student and turned in on time. This project will count as 20% of their reading grade for the 4th quarter. The students will work on this notebook in the classroom as we read the story. From time to time if they are falling behind they will be asked to take certain assignments home to be worked on.

Nature Camp- May 2011 This week will be spent at Palomar Christian Conference Center. Our sixth graders will be investigating God's magnificent creation, and learning firsthand information about nature while experiencing a time away for spiritual growth. We will need parents to go as chaperones, and we would appreciate you letting us know right away of your interest in this area. This trip will be from May 23-26 and the cost to parents wanting to join us is \$100. This will be a highlight of our school year. We are really looking forward to this year with your child. Thank you in advance for your help and support this coming year. We know we'll have many successes together.