



**Sixth  
Grade  
Parent  
Handbook**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to sixth grade at Lake Zurich Middle School North!

The sixth grade teachers are working hard to ensure that your child has a successful and enjoyable school year. We collaborate on a regular basis to provide students with a consistent and supportive learning environment.

We look forward to a great year with you and your child. To help you and your student with the transition from elementary to middle school, we've compiled this sixth grade handbook.

Please read and refer to these procedures and contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Teachers

## **Assignment Notebook:**

This is our daily communication home! Parents should monitor your child's assignment notebook regularly.

- Students are expected to use an assignment notebook daily.
- Students are responsible for writing all assignments for all classes.
- If no homework is assigned, students are required to write the topic presented in class that day. "None", "No homework" or a blank space is not acceptable.

## **Absences**

The day a student returns from being absent, s/he should get all missed assignments.

- If a student is absent 2 or more days, parents should call or email the school office by 9 am and request missed assignments. It is then the parent's responsibility to pick up the materials from the office by 4 pm.
- Students have 2 school days for every day they are absent to turn in work. After the two days, the assignment is considered late. (If absent due to vacation time, only one day is allowed).
- Missed tests, quizzes and science labs must be made up as soon as possible. The student must make arrangements to make up the missing work the day of his or her return to school.
- Work assigned prior to absence is due upon return. This includes all homework, tests, labs and long-term projects.

## **Band and Orchestra Lessons**

- Students should turn in assignments and obtain that day's work **before** going to lesson.
- Students must stay in class for tests and labs. They may proceed to lesson at teacher discretion.

## **Assignments**

We think of homework assignments as "home learning". This work is an extension of lessons begun in school. Through this practice, students acquire life skills such as responsibility, how to follow directions, and time management. These skills are essential in order for students to mature and become independent, self-reliant, and successful adults.

- Assignments are generally given each night and are due the next day.
- Every child is required to write down all assignments in the assignment notebook.
- Assignments should be kept in the appropriate subject section of the binder.
- All assignments are to be completed and in-hand at the beginning of the class, or the assignment is considered late.

## **Grading**

Grading Scale	
90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59 %	F

## **Late daily work**

- First semester: 70% maximum credit will be given for late homework.
- Second semester: 60% maximum credit will be given for late homework.
- Major Projects/Assignments will lose 10% of graded work for every day late.

## **Academic Accountability**

- Parents will be notified by mail or via email with an Academic Accountability Notice if their child has accumulated 3 missing assignments.
- Progress Notices will be given to all students mid-quarter.

## **Conferences**

Formal scheduled conferences take place in the fall. Middle school teachers may have over 130 students, unfortunately it's impossible to meet with every parent, and therefore we encourage contact throughout the school year via email or phone call.

# Lake Zurich Middle School North

## 2007-2008

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

#### **SUPPLIES TO BE KEPT AT HOME:**

- 4 Glue Sticks
- Compass
- Clear Tape
- Loose-Leaf Paper (wide rule)
- 4 Sheets of White Poster Board
- Stapler
- Thesaurus
- Large Dictionary
- Colored Construction Paper

#### **SUPPLIES TO BE KEPT IN LOCKER:**

- Metric/Standard Ruler
- Protractor
- 3×3 Sticky Notes (5 packs, any color)
- Pack of 12 Colored Markers
- Set of Highlighters (any color)
- Small Dictionary
- Loose-Leaf Paper (wide rule)
- Loose-Leaf Paper Hole Reinforcers
- 1 Pack (100 ct.) 3×5 Lined Index Cards
- 2 Glue Sticks
- One Box of #2 Pencils
- Box of 12 7" Colored Pencils
- 5 Blue, 5 Black and 5 Red Pens
- Small Pointed Scissors
- 2 Spiral Notebooks (one-subject, wide-rule)
- 8 Book Covers

#### **SUPPLIES TO CARRY WITH YOU:**

- 2 #2 Pencils
- Loose-Leaf Paper (wide rule)
- Highlighter (any color)
- TI-30x IIS Scientific Calculator (to be used in all levels through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Binder Pencil Case
- 2 Blue, 2 Black, 2 Red Pens
- Pencil Sharpener
- 3" 3-Ring Binder
- 8 Subject Tab Dividers (no accordion folders)

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

- Purchase at school during registration:
  - Gym Shirt (1 gray, 1 blue) - \$8 each
  - Gym Shorts - \$19
- Sweatshirt/Jacket and Sweatpants (for cold weather days)
- Gym Socks