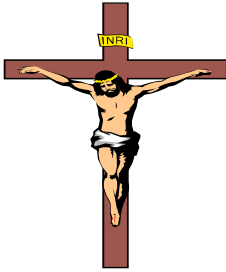


Dear Students & Parents:

This handbook is designed to help you better understand our philosophies, become acquainted with the sixth grade policies and understand some of our personal expectations. Please read this handbook carefully. Our goal is to make the transition into 6th grade as easy as possible.



Philosophy

We believe that in sixth grade....

1. All that we teach is designed to focus the students on the need to follow Jesus Christ through His work, by His example, and His love.
2. Students learn and develop at different rates.
3. Students learn through all senses.
4. Students learn best through actual experiences.
5. Students need to learn how to become responsible citizens inside and outside the classroom.
6. Students need to read daily.
7. The classroom should provide a rich variety of experiences.
8. Students love to learn when encouraged.
9. Students who are self-confident and feel good about themselves, increase their enjoyment and ability to learn.
10. Students should learn to daily give thanks to God for all He has provided.



Philosophy of Homework

Salem Lutheran School believes the purpose of homework is to:

- Reinforce Acquired Skills
- Foster Responsibility / Study Skills / Time Management
- Provide an extension of learned concepts
- Provide a home / school connection

Homework: In sixth grade you should expect to have homework that will take about 60 minutes each night. Please be responsible for your own work. Cheating will not be tolerated.

Late Work / Low Grades/ Absent Work:

1. All homework is to be completed and ready by 8:30A.M. on the day it is due.
2. All homework whether it is late or done poorly will be treated the same – the grade the student earned will be entered into Ren Web – if it is below a 75% they will have one day to redo the low grade for up to a 75%. Redoing work does not apply to quiz or test grades.
3. For each day you are home sick, you have one day to turn in make up work.

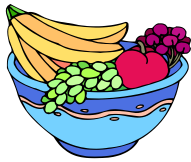
Quality of Work:

Students will be required to finish homework in the following fashion.

1. Neat / accurate
2. Organized
3. Complete Sentences
4. Correct Punctuation
5. Proper Spacing
6. Name, Number, Date, Pages on Upper Right Hand part of Paper.

Note: Students will redo papers that do not meet these requirements.

Assignment Book: All students should have a Planner Book for which to record homework and unfinished assignments as well as upcoming events. Planners should be checked each evening by a parent or guardian.



Lunch / Snacks/ Water Bottles

Lunch: You may bring a nutritious lunch or order hot lunch. Students need to be responsible for their own lunch box and keep it in their backpack.

Snacks: A healthy, low sugar snack each day for our morning break - will be eaten at our first recess.

Good choices:

Fruits & Vegetables
Cheese & Crackers
Peanut Butter & Crackers
Popcorn or Pretzels

Water Bottles: Bring your own water bottle to school each day. Please purchase the pop-up lid bottles; this helps cut down on spilling. We highly encourage each student to drink a lot of water each day!

Arrival / Departure

Arrival: The classroom door will be open to students at approximately 8:10 a.m. Students are not allowed in the room before that time nor are they allowed in the room without a teacher. Students should arrive at school by 8:15 am. This will allow them adequate time to take care of their morning routine. Unpack backpack, put lunch away, turn in homework, sharpen pencils and do warm ups.

Tardies: Students should be seated quietly in their seats by 8:30 or they will receive a Tardy. Upon the third tardy the student will receive a detention. The fourth tardy, and each subsequent tardy thereafter in the quarter, will result in a one-day suspension from school. *****SO GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME!!!**

Departure: Students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. and escorted to the Big Circle area. This is where you can pick your child up. If your child is not picked up by 3:20 p.m. your child will be taken to Day Care.

Note: If you need to meet with the teacher to discuss something, please refrain from doing it in the morning before school starts. This time is such a busy time getting settled for the day. We can schedule an appropriate time to talk.



Birthdays

You may bring a treat to share with the class to celebrate your birthday. You may bring extra and then will be given the opportunity to hand out treats to the office secretaries and other teachers if you like. Please note that invitations to parties cannot be handed out at school unless everyone (all the students in your class) have been invited.

Grades & Grading Policy

Each student will be given homework, quizzes, tests, writing projects, book reports, etc. All of this work will be reflected in the form of a grade. A student's effort in class, participation, behavior and conduct will also be recognized. Every other week you will receive a grade report sheet that must be signed and returned. This will help our level of communication and ultimately help each student achieve higher. When teachers and parents work closely together in the education process - the student benefits tremendously!

Grades will be weighed in the following manner.

40 - 45% - Homework

40 - 45% - Tests

10 - 20% - Quizzes, Labs, Outside Projects, Effort, Participation

Grading System

A 93 - 100%

A- 90 - 92%

B+ 88 - 89%

B 83 - 87%

B- 80 - 82%

C+ 78 - 79%

C 73 - 77%

C- 70 - 72%

D+ 68 - 69%

D 63 - 67%

D- 60 - 62%

F Below 60%



Classroom Rules / Discipline Plan

Classroom Rules

1. Follow directions.
2. Raise your hand to speak.
3. Stay seated.
4. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
5. Respect each other in a Christian manner.
6. Respect school property.

Consequences

1. Verbal Warning
2. Time Out @ Recess
3. Note home to parents
4. Detention & Conference

Demerits

Students involved in repeated inappropriate or disruptive behavior, or major misconduct such as: disrespect, stealing, profanity, cheating, fighting, lying, harassment, bullying, etc. will receive a demerit(s), depending on the severity of the incident. Compilation of four demerits would result in possible dismissal from school. If a student receives a demerit, a form will be sent home to be signed by the parent.

** Please refer to the parent/student handbook **

Rewards

1. Verbal praise/ compliments/ SUCCESS!
2. Written notes home and certificates.
3. Group points.
4. M & M Dollars for fun Swap Meets at end of Quarter.

Mail / Chapel

Mail & Graded Papers: Mail from the office and classroom is sent home in your Friday Folder. Please take all papers out of the folder and return Folder on Monday.

Chapel: Every Wednesday is our Chapel service from 8:35 - 9:05am. You are invited and welcome to join us, and worship with us.