6th Grade Parent Orientation Notes July 27, 2022

First Day of School Monday August 8, 2022

6th Grade Teachers

* Mrs. Virginia Veale – ELA and Study Skills – vealevi@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
* Ms. Lee King – Social Studies – kingle@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
* Mrs. Sandra McCullough – Science - mcculsa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
* Ms. Kathryn Bergeron – Math – bergeka@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

**Summer work due August 12. Counts as two classwork grades in each academic class.**

Parents – sign up for Parent Portal, Canvas, and Infinite Campus. Go to DFA Website, Parent Tab and access Canvas Orientation, Parent Portal instructions and Parent Portal sign in.

* Check Parent Portal, Infinite Campus and Canvas at least once a week to view assignments and grades.
* Keep a student calendar to help record due dates, test/quiz dates, dates of performances, etc.
* Check with your student often to help them keep up with assignments and work.
* Check and sign student agenda each night for the first few weeks, and then weekly after.

Parents and students – sign up for Teachers’ and Counseling Center Remind pages.

Send text to 81010

(for Mrs. Veale – text @6thela2022)

(for Ms. Bergeron – text @6mathdfa)

(for Mrs. McCullough – text b64c2ef)

(for Mrs. Bassford -text@Davidson29)

Communication with teachers

* Email teachers and include full name of your child
* Allow teachers at least 24 hours to respond
* Conferences can be set up with 6th grade team when needed. We will use Zoom/Teams for conferences.
* Conference times are 10:35 – 11:25 and will last 30 minutes.

Student Schedules

* Each student has 4 academic classes, lunch, fine arts, study skills (ConEnr) and homeroom (listed at bottom of schedule.)
* Study skills is 25-minute class. Includes organization, communication, life skills lessons, goal setting, study, testing, and writing skills, and provides extra time for growth monitoring.

Supplies

* Check supply list for items that can be left at home for replenishing as needed
* Each student will need 4 1 or 1 ½ binder for ELA and Study Skills
* Wide ruled paper, pencils, book covers, composition notebooks and folders need to be brought to school the first day.
* Some items will be used by the entire class (colored paper, hand sanitizer, etc.)
* Each teacher will go over supply list on first day of school
* Boxes of tissues are always greatly appreciated!

6th Grade grading policies

* When a student misses one day of school, homework and other assignments are expected to be brought in the next day.
* Additional time is allowed for extended absences or under certain circumstances as outlined in Student Handbook.
* Agendas must be used by all 6th graders. Grades will be given for completed agendas, and they must be brought to Study Skills class each day.
* Agendas are available for $6. WE RECOMMEND using DFA agenda as they also include Student Handbook.
* After 1st week of school, teachers expect students to remember items (books, homework, supplies) in locker or at home.
* Grade categories and weights are posted on each teacher’s website and on teacher syllabi which will be given to all students on first day of school.

Student Expectations:

* Complete all assignments, graded and non-graded, on time.
* Plan ahead for long-term assignments.
* Check work for accuracy and completion.
* Maintain academic integrity and honesty
* Monitor grades and progress toward goals.
* Collaborate with and ask teacher for assistance for relearning when needed.

Parent Expectations

* Expect your child to complete all assignments.
* Ensure your child has appropriate time and place to study and complete homework.
* Monitor and guide your child’s work as needed without doing work for them.
* Support your child’s creating and completing relearning plans.
* Check your child’s gradebook portal on a regular basis.
* Promptly communicate with teachers when grading questions arise.