

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Student/Parent**  
**Information Packet**  
**2019-2020**

## **Classroom Discipline Plan**

### **Classroom Rules: Be Respectful! Be Responsible! Be Safe!**

While in the classroom students will receive a check on a clipboard for each warning and at the end of each day they will fill out their behavior color in their agenda books...

1. Students will receive warnings for the following reasons:
  - Disrespect to others
  - Refusal to complete a task
  - Breaking classroom or school rules
  - Not having assignment book signed
  
2. Consequences will be as followed:
  - All students start the day on green
  - 1<sup>st</sup> warning (yellow)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> warning (orange) results in loss of privilege
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> warning (red) isolated lunch and loss of privilege
  - 4<sup>rd</sup> warning (black) results to trip to office
  
3. More severe behaviors may result in loss of more than one warning at a time.  
If a different plan becomes necessary in the classroom, you will receive notification of the changes.

## **Communication**

Please feel free to contact us for any reason regarding your student. Open communication is the best route for positive learning experience. We will answer to both emails and telephone calls.

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## Assignment Books

Each student will have an assignment book that they will fill in with upcoming events and daily assignments. Assignment books are great communication tools for parents and teachers. Look for notes that we may have written and feel free to write questions, comments, or concerns. **Students must have their assignment book signed nightly by a parent or responsible adult. Please do not simply initial.** The signature shows that you have checked the assignment book **and** the child's behavior color. We will check and initial each assignment book daily. If a student does not get their assignment book signed, then they will move a color for not being responsible. This would mean starting the school day off on yellow.

## Spelling

Each week students are tested over a selection of words. All tests over the words will be taken on the computer at [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com). Each week the spelling list will be uploaded to the website so students can play games, hear the pronunciation of each word, and take a practice test over their list. This is an awesome website that you can access from your home if you have an Internet connection. To find our weekly words follow the steps below:

- 1.) Go to [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)
- 2.) Click on "Log In" in the top right corner
- 3.) Be sure to click "Student"
- 4.) Type in the username and password given to each student
- 5.) Click on "Lists and Games".
- 6) Click on "Spelling" then find the current week and choose one of the options in the blue on the right.

**Please be sure when practicing at home during the week you use the "Practice Spelling Test Me" option. This allows you to practice over and over again.** Spelling tests will be taken on Friday mornings before students go to specials. Spelling grades will be included in students' writing grade.

## Birthday Treats

Birthday treats are always welcomed, but not required. Please do remember that Prairie Crossing is a PEANUT FREE building.

## Book Orders

We will periodically send home book orders. Feel free to order, but don't feel obligated. Please make checks payable to Scholastic. Online ordering is also available and encouraged. Individual teachers will provide online codes when forms are sent home. Parents, if you are ordering as a gift and do not want your child to know, send a note and the teacher will contact you when the book order comes in.

## **Absent Policy:**

Make-up work is required after an absence. For each day of absence, the student will have one day to complete the work starting with the day they return, unless otherwise arranged with the teacher. For example, if a student is out 3 days, they would get 4 days to make up the work. Please speak to the teacher about extended absences.

Per parent request, homework for absent students will be available in the office between 3pm and 4:30pm unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher such as asking siblings or neighbors to deliver assignments. Attached you will find a blank assignment sheet; if you are absent a classmate will fill in your assignments and collect your work throughout the day. **However, it is the student's responsibility to follow up with teachers.**

## **Rotations**

The students will be rotating teachers for Reading Supplement, Science and Social Studies. Miss Bell will teach Social Studies, Mrs. Goodman, Reading Supplement and Miss Laggett, Science. Literature Circles will take place within all three classrooms, but grades will be posted in the student's homeroom reading. Reading Supplement grades will also be posted with the student's homeroom reading grade. We will also start rotating for Math. These rotations will be based on individual student needs.

## **Accelerated Reader**

Sixth grade will participate in the Accelerated Reader Program. Each month students will have a goal based off their individual reading level. At the end of each month, students will receive 2 reading **TEST** scores. One score will be an average of all the tests taken for that month and the other score will be a percentage based on individual goals. For example, if a student obtained 8 points and their goal was 10, they would receive an 80%. Please help your child to manage their time wisely and not procrastinate until the end of the month. It causes a lot of stress at home and at school when no tests have been taken throughout the month. Save yourself the stress! **August and September AR goals are combined due to the short month of August. For both months each student's goal is 10 points.** Start reading now!!

## **Camp Tecumseh**

Sixth grade will be taking an overnight trip to Camp Tecumseh on **August 28- August 30**. Camp Tecumseh is an outdoor education experience based on the 5 foundations for success; Problem Solving, Confidence, Trust, Leadership and Communication. Parent volunteers have been picked and notified. They will need to attend training and to stay in the cabins with students. Much of this information was sent home at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please let us know if you need more information. There will be a parent meeting on **August 21st at 6:00 p.m.** in the Prairie Crossing Cafeteria to talk more about Camp Tecumseh.

## Kindergarten Buddies

As sixth graders we serve as role models to the whole school but especially the kindergartners. In the beginning of the year we will be showing our buddies how school works. We will also eat lunch with our K-Buddies on Fridays. This is a great opportunity to show responsibility and motivate young students. Sixth grade students are expected to be a role model all year long in the context of language, behavior, and following the PBIS guidelines.

**Sixth Graders:** Remember the Kindergartners are watching you and learning from you ALL YEAR LONG.

## Homework Policy:

### Expectations:

- Turn in completed assignments **on time**
- Meet AR reading goal.
- Complete all assignments to the best of your ability

### Possible Consequences:

- Receive a zero
- Do missed work during recess
- Parents contacted
- Missed homework will be considered for PBIS celebrations. (Meaning you can miss out on a PBIS celebration based only on incomplete homework.)
- This policy will change in October to: **NO late homework will be accepted**; you will receive a zero. This is preparing our students for junior high expectations.

## Grading Scale:

<b>A+</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>93-99</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>90-92</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>88-89</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>83-87</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>80-82</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>78-79</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>73-77</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>70-72</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>65-69</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>BELOW 65</b>

**Grades:** Grades are available to be viewed on Harmony. Please contact the office if you do not remember or have your login information. We do our best to update grades weekly but it is not always feasible to do so. For example, in writing it may take longer than a week to complete a project.

## Student Leaders

The purpose of Student Leaders is to promote leadership qualities among the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students involved and assist the school through various service projects. Besides service, we will also raise money for various activities, and we will try a variety of things to improve PCE school spirit. Student Leaders will have a hand in deciding upcoming Spirit Days, celebrations, flag and announcement responsibilities and addressing current issues within PCE.

Student Leaders will be elected by their peers based on their leadership qualities. There will be around 9 student leaders.

The leaders are expected to:

1. Attend Student Leader meetings. (Majority of meetings will be held during school hours.)
2. Communicate information to and from student leader meetings.
3. Be active listeners during meetings, be interested, and involved.
4. Be sure that the ideas/concerns you bring to the meetings are a majority or consensus of your classroom.
5. Always be a good role model.
6. Be enthusiastic, organized, on time, and leaders that set an example for their peers.

**IF students do not follow the above expectations on a regular basis, they will be removed from their duties.**

**STUDENTS:** It is now time for you to consider whether or not you would like to run for a classroom representative position. Think about the qualities that you possess that would make you a good representative. If you are interested in running, then you will need to prepare a short speech to present in front of your classmates. The speech should explain to us why you would be the best person for this position. **Student Leader elections will be held on September 16, 2019.**

## Website

For your convenience the sixth grade teachers have put together a PCE 6<sup>th</sup> grade website. The teachers will upload various content that we are using in the classroom for students to be able to access here at school. There is information for parents as well as information for students on the website. Feel free to check it out as we will be updating it throughout the year! The web address is: <http://pcesixthgrade.weebly.com/>

## Remind

This amazing tool allows us to send a massive group text message that instantly messages every student and parent in our class. They receive it as a push notification, text message, or an email. It connects safely so phone numbers are always kept private so that teacher-student-parent communication is 100% safe and secure.

Please see the back to school guide on the homepage of our website to learn more. Also included in the packets are instructions to sign up for these notifications. Please note that parents AND students may sign up. We WILL be using this frequently so don't get left out!!

Dear Parents,

In class we will be occasionally showing movies that are PG. We like to sometimes use the movies to compare them to books that we read in class. We also use them to sometimes get across specific teaching points. For the reason, that some of them are PG, I need your permission for your child to watch different movies in our classrooms.

Sincerely,

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes my student \_\_\_\_\_ will be able to watch the movies.

\_\_\_\_\_ No my student \_\_\_\_\_ will not be able to watch the movies.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE INFORMATION IN THE PARENT/STUDENT PACKET**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_