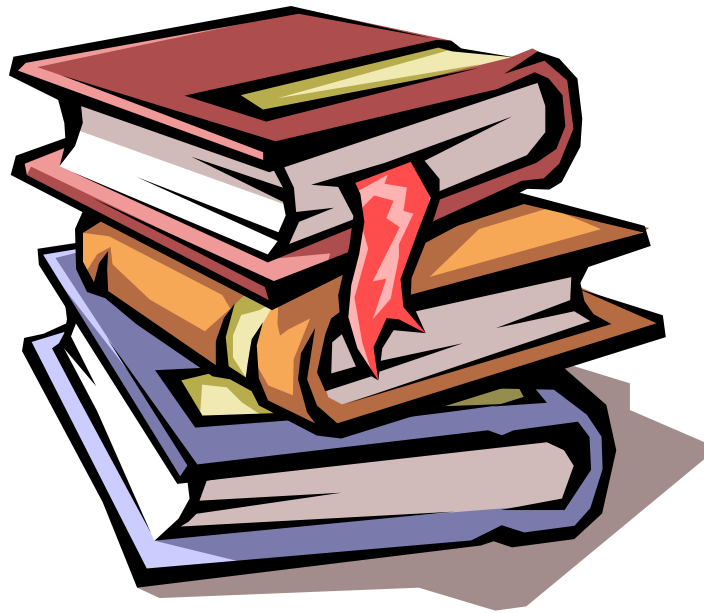


WELCOME TO THE SIXTH GRADE

The Academy for Business and
Technology



Sixth Grade Packet
And Syllabus

2011-2012

What is expected?

Many students enter their 6th grade year with the assumption that their achievement from the previous year will continue with the same effort or work in the sixth grade. This is NOT true. Their minds have grown and so has the standard of work. What was acceptable in the earlier grades may not be satisfactory in their new grade. Many things will be different in the sixth grade. At the beginning of the year, your child may have quite a few new adjustments to go through. Please allow them time and strength to undergo an adjustment that will put them on top of every situation. This adjustment is called maturity in taking responsibility for one's self, grades, and growth. September is a month to establish the correct routine and expectation for the sixth grade. These expectations will cover homework, class work, attendance, citizenship and even a few minor adjustments at home will allow you to enjoy the changes your child will be experiencing as they grow and mature.

Homework

All homework assignments are explained in detail before dismissal and are usually an in class assignment that they have not completed. They are a result of the day's lesson. Homework may come home five days a week in Reading, Language Arts, Science, Math, Social Studies, or Vocabulary. These assignments will be collected and graded. Some assignments will be returned and others will be kept. **NO EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** School is training for life. **Points will be taken away for late assignments and if it more than a week late, it will not be accepted.** If the student is absent on the day something is due, then it is expected to be turned in on the day they return. Students are expected to carry out daily assignments, long-term assignments, and various other activities that will train them for what lies ahead. I am providing training for life long habits and I strive to see your child grow as a whole person throughout the year.

Parent's Role

Parents need to supply a well-lit area for your child to do homework. The area should be isolated away from family activities so that your child will be better able to concentrate. A student needs about 30 - 45 minutes

after school to relax and allow their brain a rest before beginning homework. It is not good for a child to begin homework as soon as they are dismissed from school. That brief break in thinking is important. 45 minutes is sufficient time to allow them to relax. Afterwards, they should get used to setting aside time to complete the following:

1. Review class work
2. Complete homework
3. Study work reviewed in classes

This practice will ensure Honor Roll Student Achievement. Our jobs are to guide and supervise the students while they do their job of learning to the best of their ability. Each assignment given must be completed. An incomplete assignment that is turned in will result in some credit, but not all. Making up assignments is up to teacher discretion. Most assignments can be completed during a specially allotted time in the classroom.

A responsible student sits down and completes assignments according to directions given and is prepared for the next day's challenge. He or she will learn to do what is expected rather than rely on poor excuses that do not cause growth and maturity.

Communication is a very important aspect in your child's education. Parent - teacher conferences are held throughout the year, but it is important to keep the communication lines before progress reports and report cards are issued. Phone calls or an individual conference is one way of doing that. Please feel free to call the school at 313-382-3422. If I can not make it to the phone, the office staff will take a message and I will return the call on my next available prep hour. I can also be contacted via E-mail at dezirae.daniels@leonagroup.com or through facebook at msdaniels(frist name) abt(last name)

Students need to come to school everyday in uniform, well rested, prepared and ready to learn by 8:00a.m.

Sixth Grade Schedule

The sixth grade at The Academy for Business and Technology is self-contained. This year we are going to try splitting the subjects between myself (Math & Science) and Mrs. Danuloff (English & Social Studies). If we see that this is something the students are having a hard time handling, we will go back to the full self-contained classroom. Mrs. Dahlman will be teaching Math Lab, which is a math enrichment program for one period per day. This will be an additional math class to coincide with their core math class that will be offered for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the year. The students will also have physical education or $\frac{1}{2}$ the year.

In all the subjects the students will be taught to the standards to move them on to the next grade. Please look for handouts that will be going home to explain the different objectives and projects.

School Supplies

- ✓ Notebook for each subject or binders with loose leaf paper and dividers
- ✓ Folders for each subject
- ✓ Planner or separate notebook specifically for a planner
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Pens (blue or black)
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- ✓ Jump Drive (optional)
- ✓ Poster Board (will be used for projects throughout the year)
- ✓ Crate to keep belongings in under the table (optional)
- ✓ Ear buds (used during computer time to hear some of the programs) (optional)

Supplies needed for the classroom (donations)

- ✓ Kleenex
- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ Paper Towel
- ✓ White Board Markers

- ✓ Cleaning wipes
- ✓ Batteries (AAA, AA)

***Gum, white out, and permanent markers are ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED in the classroom. Aerosol sprays and perfume/cologne are also not permitted due to teacher/student asthma and allergies.**

Lockers

Students will be using lockers this year. They will be assigned within the first two weeks of school. This means all coats and backpacks **MUST** be in their lockers throughout the day. Coats and backpacks **WILL NOT** be permitted into the classroom after lockers are assigned. Please note that they are half lockers. Students will only be allowed to go to their lockers before and after school, before and after lunch, and before and after gym or math lab. All notebooks, class-work, homework, or anything needed for class must be taken out at the appropriate time. If they homework is not turned in because of the locker, the assignment will be marked as late.

Electronics Policy

Electronics, including but not limited to, cell phones, mp3 players, and handheld game systems are not permitted in the classroom at any time! Per the ABT handbook if electronic devices are seen in the classroom they will be confiscated and will have to be picked up from the school leader.

Student Responsibilities

Upon entering the building (after breakfast) students should report to their lockers and put their coat and backpack away and retrieve any materials that they need for the day. School begins at 8:00a.m., therefore pencils should be sharpened, and homework turned in, materials ready and organized for the day and is ready to begin by being in their seat working on their morning work.

TeleParent

We have a new phone system at ABT. This system is TeleParent. **TeleParent** is an automated parental notification system that allows both teachers and administrators to send student-specific and general broadcast messages. Please note that it is a computerized call and the number will come up on caller ID as a California number.

Citizenship/Behavior

Norms will be set on the first day of school.

Please see student handbook for more specifics.

Classroom Discipline Plan

It is my hope that the Discipline Plan will not have to be used. Unfortunately there will be times where it does need to be implemented.

1. Student will be given a verbal warning.
2. Student will be given a lunch detention.
3. In class removal - student will be removed from the group areas and unable to participate in class recreation and fun activities. Student support coordinator will be notified.
4. Student will be removed from class and the consequence now lies in the student support coordinator.

A student with 3 or more lunch detentions in a two week span will be suspended.

Each step will be documented and the parents will be informed. The norms must be followed at all times. Defiance will not be tolerated. **NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP ANOTHER CHILD FROM LEARNING.**

Disclaimer: Changes may be made as the semester progresses to fully accommodate the needs of the students.

Rewards/Consequences

We have a school wide PBS program; the sixth grade will follow the guidelines that are set by PBS program.

Rewards: Activities and special rewards given when the right behavior is demonstrated.

Consequences: Student will not participate in activities and special opportunities if he or she has filled out 2 or more Action Plans within the month.

Book Clubs

From time to time you will school book club forms come home. These book clubs I am sure you have seen before and are totally optional. The purpose of the Scholastic Book Clubs is to help earn books for the classroom. They offer books at a discounted price to the students and in return with every purchase the classroom earns points that turn into books for our classroom. So please if you are able to support the book club it would be greatly appreciated.

Planners

Planners must be filled out everyday and will be signed upon leaving for the day. It is important that the parents review the planners so they know what the daily and weekly activities are. Parents will not have to sign the planners unless asked by the teacher due to lack of work coming in from

the student. They may use actual planners, or a notebook that is designated only for a planner.

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Class: Sixth Grade - all core subjects

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