



Dear Sixth Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to the wonderful world of sixth grade!

In sixth grade, you will study all of the same subjects you have in past years, but we will build upon your prior knowledge and expand your understanding of concepts. In Pre-Algebra you will be simplifying and solving equations in many different ways and using mathematical concepts to work with geometry, area, and volume.

In addition to pre-algebra, we will also be introducing a new math program: *Math in Focus*®. These resources are the U.S. edition of Singapore's most widely used curriculum, bringing Singapore's effective approach to mathematics instruction to U.S. classrooms. *Math in Focus*® is based on the curriculum and pedagogy in Singapore which emphasizes problem solving and positive attitudes toward mathematics, while focusing on student development of skills, concepts, process and metacognition. Your child will develop conceptual understanding through the use of the CPA (concrete-pictorial -abstract) approach. He/she will also develop problem solving skills through exposure to numerous embedded problem-solving situations.

Our reading curriculum is an exciting blend of *The Comprehension Toolkit* and Literature Circles. The writing program based on *Being a Writer* will include the writing of personal narrative, expository nonfiction, and fiction pieces. In science, the students will conduct experiments and learn about the human body, geology, and pollution. Social Studies covers the fascinating topics of early humans and the rise of civilizations.

Sixth graders also participate in the D.A.R.E. program, have a Halloween dance, and go on several fun field trips. Those are just some of the special things you get to do next school year. The Sixth Grade Team wants you to have an amazing last year at Kutz Elementary 😊

To be prepared for sixth grade, please bring the following supplies with you on the first day of school:

- 3 marble composition books
- 3 pocket folders
- Pencils and cap erasers (*Non-mechanical pencils only*)
- Pencil case
- Glue stick
- Black Sharpie
- Markers or colored pencils
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 container of disposable anti-bacterial cleaning wipes, NOT hand wipes
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Headphones
- 1.5 inch binder

I hope you have a great summer. See you in September!

Sincerely,

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