

Welcome to 6th Grade Study Skills!

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Study skills is an elective course that teaches essential skills that will help 6th graders prepare for the increased rigor of Middle school and beyond. I am excited to be teaching Study Skills because I believe this course provides a method for a smooth transition between elementary school and middle school by teaching and practicing increased expectations.

Required Supplies:

- **Pocket Folder with brads (not included in wrap Pack - will be left in classroom) -please send by Friday 8/17**
- Binder and Ipad
- Book for free reading
- Any other materials you will need for homework that day (pencils, map pencils, pens, etc)

Wish List (Optional but greatly appreciated)

- Lined Notebook Paper or index cards
- Kleenex

Study Skills Topics:

- Transition to Middle School
- Time Management and Organization
- Note Taking
- Test Preparation and testing strategies
- Goal Setting
- Character Education
- The research process
- Presentation Skills

Assignments:

- Each week students will be required to complete one Study Skills assignment in class
- After completing the study skill assignment, students will be engaged in completing homework and studying. When students finish, they may free read.

Grading:

- **All Grades are Daily Grades**
- Students will receive a 100 on assignments that are completed correctly and turned in
- If a student does not turn in an assignment or it is not correct, a 0 will be entered in Skyward until the student makes up the assignment.

Classroom Expectations:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Ready**
- **Follow all directions**

All classes will review and discuss these expectations. The class will also review specific expectations and procedures for labs and projects. Students who are not meeting expectations or who are distracting their peers will be given a verbal /and or visual warning. If the behavior continues, I will follow the Lamar behavior plan as follows:

- ○ 1st Infraction - Warning
- ○ 2nd Infraction- Contact Parent, 30 minute teacher detention before or after school
- ○ 3rd Infraction- Office Referral

Technology Policy:

- We are privileged to be part of a district that promotes technology-based learning. iPads are often used in class for homework and Study Skills assignments. Students should arrive with iPads charged and ready to use with Bluetooth on. I have a few chromebooks for students who do not have an iPad. No games during class.

- Study Skills is a NO CELL PHONE classroom. Students must leave their cell phones in their backpacks or in the provided “Cell Phone Hotel” at the front of the classroom. There will be rare occasions when cell phones can be used for a project and I will let students know ahead of time.
- First Cell Phone Offence- Verbal Warning
- Second Cell Phone Offence- infraction, email home

Communication:

- **Email:** Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. My email address is mcfadden.marsha@lisd.net. You can also call and leave a message. I will return your call within 24 hours.

Typical Week:

Monday

- Prioritize assignments/ tests for the week
- Study Skills weekly instruction
- Work on Study Skills assignment for the week

(Usually, there will not be time to complete homework in class on Mondays- students are expected to study over the weekend (we will discuss on Fridays))

Tuesday-Thursday

- homework, independent and group study, read

Friday

- check grades and complete weekly self-reflection
- prioritize weekend homework
- class activity or study

If a student does not have any homework , they can read or complete an extension exercise.

I am excited to be working with your student this year. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Marsha McFadden
FCS and Study Skills Teacher

In order to participate in Friday class activities, students must turn in a signed syllabus. Please return this portion by Friday 8/17/18. Please let me know if you have any questions! I am looking forward to working with you and your student this year.

I verify that I have read and understand the expectations and policies for Study Skills.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

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