

Helpful tips for success in 5th and 6th grades

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Bible-

Students have a memory verse at all times. They have a quiz over their memory verse each unit as well. They also have flashcards and a Bible workbook that cover the material discussed in class that they can use to study for quizzes (often unannounced) as well as for their tests (announced).

Reading-

The students are assigned vocabulary words for each novel unit. They make flashcards in class that are required to have the vocabulary word, the definition, part of speech, and an original sentence using context clues. We review these words daily. They will have a quiz (often unannounced) as well as a test for each set of vocabulary words. We read together most days, but sometimes students will be required to complete their reading/comprehension questions at home if it is not completed at school. Quizzes are given at random over the content of the novel, and are most often not announced.

Spelling-

Each week, students have to write their words 3x's on Monday. No homework passes can be used on Monday. After Monday, the amount of times that students write their words each night Tuesday-Thursday depends on their score on their test the week before. If they make a 100, they earn a homework pass and will write their words 1x each the remainder of the week. If they make an A but it is not a 100, they write their words 1x, but they do not earn a homework pass. If they make a B, they write the words 2x's each. If they make a C or lower, they write the words 3x's each. This is all done as an incentive to study and work hard to do well on spelling tests. We also play spelling games often. The winner of each game will earn a spelling pass that can be used anytime other than Mondays. I also assign spelling activities weekly. These are normally assigned on Monday or Tuesday, but they must be turned in by Friday of the week assigned. Students must stay on top of these activities which at times may require them to work on them at home. These activities include things such as ABC order, spelling sentences, defining words and identifying parts of speech, pyramids, crossword puzzles, etc. Students are given at least 15 minutes during spelling class to work on spelling homework/activities. They are also encouraged to work on spelling when they arrive in the morning time.

History-

The students are required to make flashcards for each chapter in their history book. We begin by making flashcards over the terms and people listed in the history workbook. Other flashcards may be added in as needed. Quizzes are given at random over the flashcards as well as over the content in the chapter/workbook. We review flashcards most days in class, but reviewing at home multiple times a week is invaluable.

Language-

Our language curriculum builds one chapter after another. Students should be able to show you where we are in language at any point. We work on our jingles and complete a lesson most days. We also use a computer program called IXL.COM to review skills. The students have a login and password to IXL.COM that can be used at home to review as well. Students should focus on the chapter vocabulary, new skills taught, as well as the chapter checkups for test review. Quizzes are given at random over skills taught and are often unannounced. Sixth grade will complete a research paper project during the second quarter and fifth grade will do so during the third quarter. More details will come regarding those when it is time to begin.

Math-

Students will have homework in math each night during the week unless it is the night that a test was given. They are to follow the format given and to show work for each problem requiring work by Ms. Bonner. Students also have flashcards for math. The words/definitions on these flashcards are from the math book. Students will have a vocabulary math quiz every Friday. The quiz can/will cover ANY word given during the school year for flashcards so students should review daily/multiple times weekly. They also have speed drill quizzes each Monday. Tests are announced on the test schedule on School Days.

Science-

Students have flashcards in science as well. They have a science vocabulary quiz each Friday. Students also should be studying/reviewing their workbook pages as we move through the chapter in science. Science tests are announced on the test schedule on School Days.