

Survival Kit

Everything you need to know to be SUCCESSFUL in
Mrs. Martinez's class

GENERAL INFORMATION

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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

To be good students and set an example for our younger GES/GEMS students, I will always expect my students to follow these Gator Characteristics:

BE PREPARED, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL

When in the classroom, I expect that my students will:

1. Follow the teacher's directions.
2. Raise your hand to talk.
3. Stay in your assigned seat or area.
4. Keep hands, feet, objects, or unkind comments to yourself.

Failure to follow these expectations will result in the following consequences (according to PBIS policy)

Step	Color Card	Daily Consequence
1	Green	None - Good Behavior! This is the starting point for all students daily.
2	Yellow	Warning - Loss of 1 mile
3	Blue	Second Warning - Loss of both miles

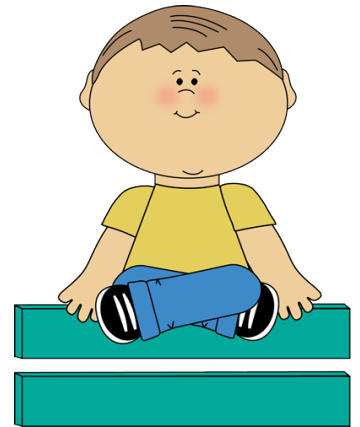
4	Orange	One intervention/student reflection, Parental Contact
5	Red	Behavior Documented Administrative Conference
6	Rule Violation Once on Red = Office Referral, BAS form completed	

MATH INFORMATION

CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOK

This year, we will continue to use Eureka Math as our primary resource for learning. Students will engage in hands-on activities and will create and model mathematics on a regular basis. They will learn how to discuss their thoughts to build a strong foundation of the skill BEFORE the "skill and drill" takes place.

The students will also work online using iReady and Carnegie Mathia Software. They will be able to work at their own pace reviewing and practicing the skills of 6th grade. They will be responsible for completing assignments and showing proficiency in each of the skills.



GRADING

Tests, Performance Assessments, and Quizzes

90% of total grade

Tests: Unlike what most students are used to, tests will not always be given on a weekly basis. Students will have several tests per unit and will be aware of test dates ahead of time. NO SURPRISES! Any previously learned skill/concept is "fair game", so always be prepared!

Talking or communicating with classmates during test or quiz time will not be tolerated. Students will be given a warning for the first occurrence. For any following occurrences, the test will be taken from the student and the student will have to come in during Specials or recess, or will have to complete the test in ISSP.

Performance Assessments: Sometimes students will have to complete a project where they have to demonstrate their knowledge of the skill(s) we are learning. These will be given with ample time to be completed and will be graded using a rubric. Rubrics will be given at the time the project is assigned.

Quizzes: Students may have several quizzes throughout each unit. Quizzes usually have 10-15 problems, focusing on the skills that the students are currently learning.

Homework/Participation

10% of total grade

Homework: Students will have math homework almost every night. Homework should be completed on loose-leaf paper and in pencil, unless other directions are given. Homework will be checked for completion each day at the beginning of class. All work must be shown for homework to be considered complete. NO WORK, NO CREDIT, NO EXCEPTION! Partial credit may be given, but is up to the teacher's discretion. A weekly grade will be determined based on the number of completed assignments.

Study Guides

Study guides will be given for most tests about 2 days ahead of time. Completing the study guide is not required, but very strongly recommended. I will review a few of the more troublesome problems with the students before the test. Students may receive bonus points if:

1. The study guide is COMPLETE with ALL work shown in pencil.
2. The study guide is signed by a parent/guardian.

SCIENCE INFORMATION

GRADING

Tests, Performance Assessments, and Quizzes

Tests and Performance Assessments: I will follow the same guidelines for tests and performance assessments for science class as I do for math class.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given several times throughout each unit. Students will be aware of most quizzes ahead of time. Be prepared for those sneaky POP QUIZZES! They like to make an appearance every now and then.

Performance Assessments/Lab Reports

Much of our learning will come through hands-on activities where students will conduct experiments. Students will be responsible for submitting a lab report for some of the activities that we do in class. Some of the reports will be group tasks, others will be individual assignments. Reports will be graded using a rubric.



Study Guides

Study guides will be given at the beginning of each new topic. We will complete the study guide as we learn about the topic. Students should not memorize the study guide, rather they should be able to apply the information on the study guide to real-life situations (as we do in class.)

MISCELLANEOUS

ABSENCES AND MAKE UP WORK

Times will arise where students need to be absent from school. Please try to avoid unnecessary absences, if at all possible. There is an Absent Work folder where all of the work will be placed for absent students. It will be the student's responsibility to check the folder and complete the work in the time allowed according to the Student Policy Handbook.

Parents: I ask that you please send me an email if your child is absent from school so that I can let you know what he/she is missing that day. Also, you are encouraged to get a sibling, neighbor, or relative to collect your child's work on the day(s) that he/she is absent.

CONFERENCES

I would like to meet with parents whenever they have any educational concerns regarding their child. I do ask, however, that parents/guardians either call the school or send me an email to set up an appointment. Our planning time is often used for teaming or other meetings and I would like to ensure that we have enough time to address your concerns.

CHANGES

Throughout the course of the year, it may be necessary to add, remove, or change some of the items included in this survival kit. Parents will be made aware of any major changes.