

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Information Packet



LOCKERS

Each student will have the use of two lockers. One locker contains shelves for books, while the other is for hanging coats and book bags. Students are expected to keep their lockers clean. Students need to be sure not to leave food or drinks in the lockers. When students are absent the teachers must get into the lockers to get books for assignments.

GRADE SCALE FOR GRADES 6-8

A	92-100
B	85-91
C	75-84
D	68-74
F	0-67

BEHAVIOR ISSUES

Behavior problems will be dealt with immediately. Depending on the situation the following consequences could be applied:

- Verbal Warning
- Name on the Board
- Detention (P.E., Computer Time, After School, or In-School)
- Contacting parents/ guardians

Please understand that these consequences are in no particular order. Consequences may vary and depend on the severity of the situation.

ABSENT WORK

When your child is absent from school due to an illness, please be sure to contact the school office first thing in the morning. Let us know if you will be picking up your child's assignments or if they should be sent home with a sibling. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call and request the assignments. Please call by noon for work to be picked up in the afternoon. Students are given the same number of days missed to make up missed assignments. Example: Sick for 2 days= 2 days to make up assignments.

It is often difficult for students to make up missed assignments while keeping up with daily assignments. For this reason, please help your child avoid unnecessary absences. We don't want sick kids coming to school, but we also don't want students missing an extreme number of days. Students that miss an excessive number of days will be required to make up those days in Saturday School or be retained in that grade the following school year.

STUDY TIME

Every class has a scheduled study hall time (except band students). Students need to use this time wisely. Students are expected to be working on assignments or reading.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

In the junior high years, homework starts to become an issue. We understand that your child is involved in many activities outside of the school, and we think that is great! We will do everything possible to watch scheduling large assignments and tests on the same day as school related extra-curricular activities. However, at times this may be impossible. We will do everything we can to make homework less of a hassle. We will do our part, but we need your help also.

Please help us stress to the students that school is their "job". As in any job, things need to be completed on time. Responsibility is a very important factor in the "growing up" process. Please, take a moment and read with your child our guidelines for late work.

We always try to give students time to work on assignments in class, and they also have study hall. All assignments are due the following school day at 8:15 a.m. Students will not be given permission to call about books or assignments that were left at home. Late assignments may be turned in by the end of that day for partial credit. When a student does not have an assignment done at 8:15 he/she must complete a "Yellow Slip". The teacher will then approve and sign the yellow slip. Yellow slips should be returned the morning after they are received.

Every student has been given an assignment book. Each classroom has an assignment board where assignments are listed. Students are strongly advised to use the assignment books and the calendar inside to keep track of assignments and due dates. Your help in stressing the importance of this matter would be greatly appreciated.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Again this year we will be incorporating an incentive program. Students can earn tickets to be used on monthly raffles or for large items to be raffled at the end of the year. Students will receive tickets for weekly complete homework, good attendance and good behavior.

Quarterly Goals:

- a) No more than 2 missing assignments
- b) No more than 2 detentions

Students must meet quarterly goals at least 3 out of 4 quarters to participate in the end of the year field trip. Students who have more than 12 absences for the year may not attend the field trip, unless the absences are made up. Students will be given the opportunity to make up absences through Saturday school.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Throughout the year, if concerns arise about your child's education, please feel free to contact us. Cypress Elementary School's phone number is 657-2525. If you need to speak to us directly, please call before school understanding that class starts at 8:15. Please keep in mind that our first priority is the education of all of our students. It may not be possible for us to take phone calls or meet with parents/guardians during the school day. However, if you will leave your information with the office we will call you or set up a time to meet. Another great method of communication is through e-mail. If you have an e-mail address you would like for us to use for communication, please let us know. Our contact information is listed below:

Mrs. Hogg	april95@hotmail.com	618-695-4687
Mrs. Peas	saep14@msn.com	618-995-2756
Mr. Marks	rmarks18@yahoo.com	618-893-2536

We are looking forward to having a great year!!!!

PARENT-STUDENT CONTRACT



Yes! I have read the information packet and understand the expectations given. I agree to follow the guidelines that have been set and will contact the teachers if there are any questions that arise. I will do my best to have a successful year!

Student's Signature

Parent/ Guardian's Signature

After reading and signing the above statement, please tear this page out and return it to your homeroom teacher.

Please keep the rest of the packet at home and refer to it as needed!