



WELCOME TO 6th Grade!



**“It’s a lot like 5th grade
except that it’s
different.”**

-JDMS 6th Grader

Goals for Tonight

- **Introductions**
- **Understand the similarities and differences between grade 5 and 6**
- **Tips for Success**

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Academic Needs

Challenging
Interesting
Engaging
Authentic
Relevant



Personal Needs

Safety
Belonging
Worldly Approach
Identity
Guidance



Interdisciplinary Teaching Teams

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- Most of 5th grade was in House 4
- Three interdisciplinary teaching teams in 6th grade in House 1
- Physical proximity



Curriculum



- Math, Science, Social studies, English language arts
- PE, Art, Music, Technology
- Home and Careers, LOTE

Tips for Success in sixth grade

- Organization
- Communication
- Advocacy

The Five Keys

Empathy

Caring

Honesty

Respectful Communication

Self-Control

Foster Responsibility for Learning

- Help your child learn to ask for help
- It is okay to access available resources such as,
 - Lunch with a Teacher
 - Pass from Study Hall
 - After school assistance

Tips for Effective Communication

- Conferences
 - Phone Calls & Notes
 - Email and our website

www.jamesvilledewitt.org/middle

- Progress Reports & Report Cards
 - Schooltool
 - Email blast

www.jamesvilledewitt.org/emailregistration

Tips for Helping Your Child Be Organized

- **Organization is a learned skill**
 - **The planner**
 - **Time management**
 - **Locker and backpack**

The Middle School Planner



- Most **helpful** tool to staying organized!
- Complete every school day
- Be thorough and neat-compare the information to the homework page (online)

Time Management



- Utilize the planner as a checklist
- Use extra time in school to begin homework
- Allow more time for homework

The Locker: A big change from fifth grade!

- The locker is **used regularly**. All materials are kept in the locker.
- An **organized and clean locker** increases the chances for success.
- Have your student bring home their PE clothes and lunch boxes!



Parent Teacher Group

**Great advocacy group
for all things middle
school**

Conclusion

- Placement on Team Red, White, or Grey
- Grade 6 classrooms are open if you wish to walk around

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 21

**High School
Gymnasium**

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