

# Welcome to 6th Grade

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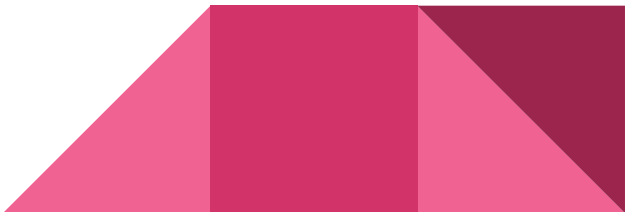
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# Blue 6– Ready for a great school year!



# Schedule

- Social Studies or Science (Period 1)
  - Unified Arts (Period 2)
  - ELA or Math (Periods 3 & 4)
  - Social Studies or Science (Period 5)
  - Advisory (Period 6)
  - Lunch (Period 7)
  - ELA or Math (Periods 8 & 9)
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# ELA

**Writers Workshop:** Teacher led mini-lesson, students practice skills learned.

- Literacy Centers each period for students to practice various ELA skills.

1 Essay per Quarter (each counted as a test grade)

- Personal Narrative
- Argumentative Essay
- Literary Essay
- Research

Small group and individual conferencing


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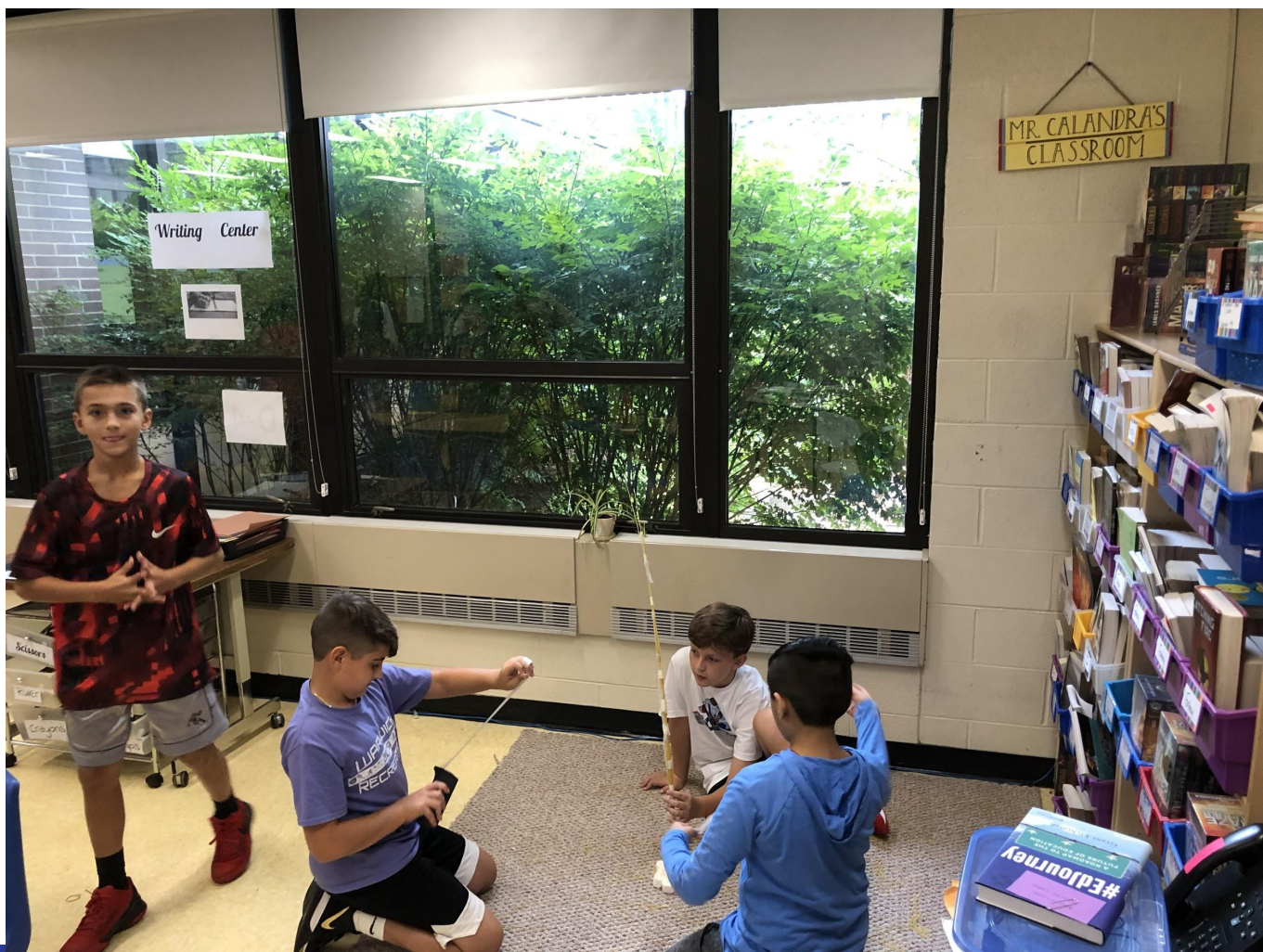
Students will be editing and rewriting their work



# ELA

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- Literacy Centers each period for students to practice various ELA skills.
  - Character Unit
    - Based on the novel *Schooled*
  - Non-Fiction
    - Novel TBD
  - Dystopian Book Club
    - Student selected novels
  - Reading Logs will be kept on Independent Reading Books.
  - Each unit will have skill practice homework and quizzes.
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# Social Studies

- Geography
  - 5 Themes of Geography
- Ancient Worlds
  - Mesopotamia
  - Egypt
  - Greece
  - Rome
  - China
  - India
- Medieval Times







# Math

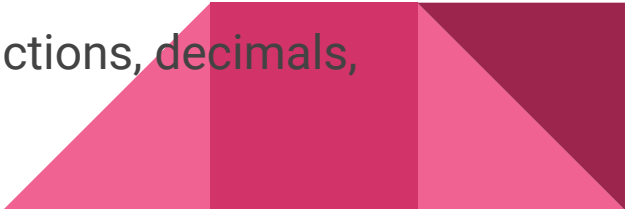
Students will be using the Go Math series for 6th grade math.

There is 1 workbook for the entire year. It should be covered or put in a binder.

The book is also available online, through the launchpad. Students can access lessons and complete assignments given for review.

There are 7 units broken into 16 Modules. Quizzes will be given after each module, followed by a test when the unit is complete.

Topics include integers, ratios & rates, operations with fractions, decimals, percents, algebraic equations and geometry.



# Policies

Students are expected to show all work when solving math problems, proving how they go to the answer.

This includes homework assignments, as well as quizzes and tests.

Full credit will not be given if the work is not there.

Sixth grade math can be challenging. Students are encouraged to ask questions.

Students are asked to practice on IXL from home for at least 1 hour per week.

We will also use other programs such as Moby Max & Khan Academy.






# Science

The students will be focusing on Earth Science this year. They will learn about the Earth and how it changes.

The program we use is HMH: Science Dimensions. There are separate workbooks for each module. There is also an online version that can be reached through the launchpad.

We have started the year with Module F (Geological Processes & History). Our first topics include Weathering, Erosion, & Deposition.

Besides quizzes and tests, there will be projects, hands on labs, and virtual labs that will be graded as well.




## Additional Information

There is a slide show for each lesson we cover. It can be found in Google Classroom. It includes notes, videos, and other graphics about the lesson. Students should use these to prepare for tests & quizzes.

Projects and other activities are also posted in Google Classroom.

We also use programs such as Nearpod, Discovery Education,& Brain-Pop. Students work through lessons independently, at their own pace. Web-Quests are also used during the year.









# Mrs. Van de Water

## Special Class ELA

### Writers Workshop

- Essays
  - Personal Narrative
  - Argumentative Essay
  - Literary Essay
  - Research
- Small group and individual conferencing through the writing process
- Journal writing
- Fundamental writing skills
  - Grammar and mechanics
  - Essay development

### Reader's Workshop

- Character Unit
  - Novel *Schooled*
- Nonfiction Unit
- Novel study units through reciprocal teaching
- Independent reading book, journal responses
- Leveled Literacy Intervention reading groups

# Mrs. Van de Water

## **Special Class Math**

GO Math series series will be supplemented

- Intensive small group and one-to-one instruction
- Review and reteaching
- Problem solving approaches
- Math strategies

## **Skills**

- Review and reteaching of science and social studies
- Study and organization skills
- Homework help

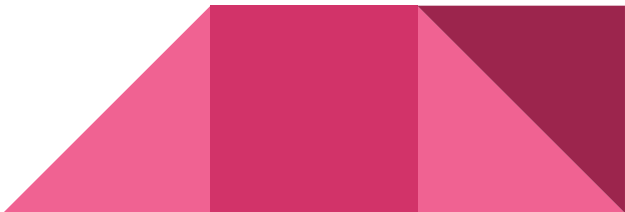


# Advisory

Students independently read for the first 20 minutes.

After reading, students can work on homework, projects, and any make-up work.

The following pullouts happen during advisory:

- Band/Chorus/Orchestra
  - Resource Room
  - Study Skills
  - AIS
  - Counseling/OT/Speech
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# Homework

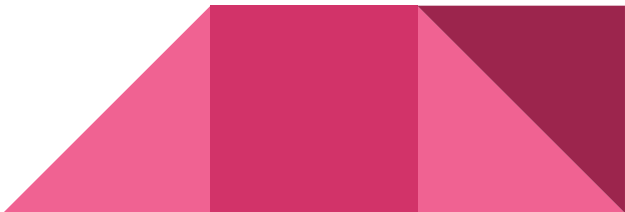
Homework is a review of the lessons taught in class.

Assignments and upcoming tests/quizzes are written on a designated homework board in each classroom.

Students should be writing homework in their planners daily.

Homework is also listed on each of the websites as a backup for absent students.

Our websites:

- [lboccia.weebly.com](http://lboccia.weebly.com)
  - [mcalandra.weebly.com](http://mcalandra.weebly.com)
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# Grading Policy

50% Tests/Major Assessments (essays in ELA)

40% Quizzes/Projects

10% Homework Completion

Homework is expected in class the day it is due. Absent students will receive extra time to complete assignments.

If students miss class due to music lessons, they are responsible for work covered.

\*Grades can be found on the Parent Portal.



# Parent Teacher Conferences

## Fall Conferences

- Thursday, November 14
- Wednesday, November 20

## Spring Conferences

- Wednesday, March 11
- Monday, March 30

\*Sign-ups will be released on Parent Portal a few weeks prior to the first conference date.

\*If you are not able to attend one of the above dates, phone conferences are available.





We are looking forward to a successful and productive year!

