



Welcome to the Rapids-6 Team!

We are so excited to meet you and kick off a great 2023 - 2024 school year!

In September, we will be sending home information about homework and school updates.



6th Grade School Supply List

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pencil Case• A box of pencils (or more 😊)• Colored Pencils• 3 Single Pocket Folders• 1-inch Binder• Notebook Paper (50 sheets)• Binder Dividers with 4 Tabs• Lined or Graph Marble Composition Notebook (60 or more pages)• Lined writing journal of your choice (75 - 100 sheets)	<p><i>Suggested/optional:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fine Sharpies (<i>multicolored pack</i>)• White Out• Wireless Mouse• Hand Sanitizer (travel size)• Wired headphones
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Communication

Education is a partnership between home and school. We value parent involvement at every level and encourage you to partner with us. For this partnership to be effective, we emphasize the need for good communication.

Please feel free to e-mail us if you have any concerns or questions about your child's education. We are always available to schedule a conference to discuss any issue or concern you have regarding your child.

Things You Can Do at Home to Help Your Child at School:

- * Encourage your child to read **daily**.
- * Ask your child about school and take an interest in what they are learning. (Check out our Team Newsletters & Agenda Book Daily Online Update for more information on what we are doing in our classes)
- * Make sure students are ready for the day with their materials (e.g. charged laptop, pencil, snack, etc.).
- * Check your child's agenda book daily (there will be an online link to cross-reference)
- * Check Schoology and PowerSchool every other week

Team Website on Schoology and PowerSchool

We will be updating our Schoology pages and PowerSchool weekly. Schoology is a great place to find materials we are working on in class. PowerSchool will show your child's academic progress for each content area.

Habits of Learning:

We have high expectations for the students in our classes and take great pride in our team and the work that is done. We work to instill this same attitude of high expectations and quality work in all students and their work. At ORMS, we expect that students:

- are **Respectful**
- are **Responsible**
- are **Engaged**

- have a **Growth Mindset**

Competency Based Learning:

At ORMS, we use a competency- based system in which students are given feedback and assessed in specific areas of each subject.

ORMS Grading Scale:

E (exemplary)

M (meets)

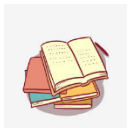
P (progressing)

B (beginning),

IE (insufficient evidence)

You are encouraged to check PowerSchool with your student regularly (weekly) as students work towards meeting each competency.

Rapids Teachers & Curriculum:



Language Arts

Teacher: Ms. Paré

- Short story fiction
- Fairy Tales/Folk Tales/Mythologies
- Persuasive Writing
- Grammar and Punctuation
- Independent Reading
- Reading/Writing Journals



Math

Teacher: Mrs. Ellsworth

- Whole Numbers and Decimals
- Fractions
- Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- Rational Numbers

- Numerical and Algebraic Expressions
- Equations and Inequalities
- Area and Volume
- Statistics



Science

Teacher: Mr. Sadana

- Scientific Method
- Living Things and Cells
- Human Body Systems
- Force and Motion
- Heat Transfer
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Weather and Climate



Social Studies

Teacher: Ms. Mathison

- World Geography & Cultures
- Map Skills
- Latin America
- Asia
- Africa
- Oceania
- Europe
- Economics & Trade
- Forms of Government
- Human Rights Issues
- Literacy/Research Skills



Learning Specialist

Teacher: Mrs. Kearney

- Learning Strategies

- Classroom Supports

That is all for now. We look forward to seeing you soon! 😊