

**Meiklejohn 6th Grade**

**★ Curriculum Night**

**Welcome!!!**

## ★ Educators

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# ★ TRANSITION!!!

- PREPARE FOR 7TH GRADE
- ICARE-- INTEGRITY,  
COMMITMENT, AWARENESS,  
RESPECT, EMPATHY

# ✦ Schedule

7:50 - 8:00 Soft start

8:05 - -8:50 AMP

8:50- 10:55 Math/Science or Reading/Social Studies

10:55 - 12:10  $\frac{1}{2}$  Math/Science or Reading/Social Studies

12:10 - 12:50 Lunch / Recess

12:50 - 1:35  $\frac{1}{2}$  Math/Science or Reading/Social Studies

1:30 - 2:40 Writing

2:40-2:45 Pack-up

# 7 Mindsets



PASSION FIRST

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

LIVE TO GIVE

WE ARE CONNECTED

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

100% ACCOUNTABLE

THE TIME IS NOW



**Everything is Possible**

"All our dreams can come true - if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

7 MINDSETS.COM

# ★ Safety and Security

**Bathrooms:** -Key fob into school  
- Security cameras in place

**Emergencies:** -Lockout: Location decided on case by case basis  
- Lockdown: Locked into temps

**Soft Start:** - Students allowed into classrooms at 7:50am.  
- Before 7:50, please wait in compass rose.

**Visitors:** -Must check in with office before coming to the temps

# ★ Responsibility

## Planners

- Keep track of assignments - filled at the end of each rotation
- We encourage you to check planner everyday
- Assignments posted on boards
- We will also use the REMIND app for homework and announcements

# ★ Structures to Aid in Transition to Middle School

## Rotations

Math/Science - Mrs. Galka or Mr. Goyden

Reading/Social Studies - Mrs. Safranka or Mrs. Capra (Lucy Calkins)

Writing - Homeroom Teacher (Lucy Calkins)

# High Expectations



## ★ Responsibility

-Soft Start: 7:50am (please try to be here by this time)

-Tardy bell: 8:00

(Being a little late can be a big deal!)

-Bring Water Bottles EVERYDAY!!

# ★ Responsibility

## Absences

- Due to high numbers of students, students must be responsible for collecting make-up work.
- Two days for every day missed
- Vacations: No work will be given in advance (school policy)

# Homework

- \* Expect most nights
  - \* Should not take longer than 60 minutes.
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- Independent Reading, Responding in Reading Journal
  - Math Videos--Google classroom or 6th grade website...includes instruction for next day's lesson



# Math Flipped Classroom

What is it?? The Flipped Classroom is an instructional strategy where students watch direct instruction videos (the introduction to a new concept) at home, allowing more time to work in small groups at school.

Homework will look different!

The majority of homework will be watching the videos and taking notes.

# ★ Reading Structures to support

- Lucy Calkins
- Shared Readings - whole group; model comprehension strategies;
- Conferring and Strategy groups
- Literature group - book groups
- Independent reading - Lots of reading and responding; practicing strategies; supporting with textual evidence

# ★ Science

Hands-on investigations and the Scientific Processes

Units:

- Relationships: Matter, it's states and properties
- Mass, Weight, Volume, and Density
- Earth Process and Surface of the Earth
- Water and the Living Environment
- Organisms and Their Environment--FOSS Science resources...thanks PTA!!!!!!!

# ★ Social Studies

Units:

Western Hemisphere: Early Cultures and Development Over Time

Western Hemisphere: Economics and Political Interaction

Western Hemisphere: Exploring Geographic Issues

# ✦ Band and Orchestra

12:30-1:00 Monday and Thursday





# ★ Grading Scale

4 = Exceeds Standard

3 = Meeting Standard

2 = Working Toward the Standard

1 = Lacking Progress

# ★ Thursday Folders

Go home on Thursdays

Please check contents

Student needs to return Friday morning

# ★ Communication

Email - correct address in office and turn in “Student Info Card”

Remind App- We are going to begin using this app to push reminders to your phone or email. Please see flyer from your homeroom teacher with info about how to sign up!

Attendance- **MUST CALL IN BY 8:30!**

# ★ Conferences

- One conference in October-student and parents please!
  - Monday, Oct. 9 and Wednesday, Oct. 11th
  - Sign-Up Genius will be emailed soon
- Spring conferences by appt. only

# Miscellaneous:

## Snack:

\*\*\*ONLY fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, and meats

\*Please remind your student of the importance of washing hands well after eating lunch.

## Volunteering:

Our annual volunteer orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 13th. There will be 2 sessions, one at 8:00 and one at 2:15. If you plan to volunteer at all throughout this year please plan to attend **one** of the sessions. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions please stop by the office to pick up the information and sign our confidentiality agreement.

\*Field Trip Drivers

\*Math homework pages

\*Thursday Folders

\*Continuation

\*Room Parents

## Conduct Code

Sign off on Jeffco Connect

BYOD release - Jeffco Connect

# ★ Miscellaneous

## Attendance: 303-982-5694

Safety is top priority at Meiklejohn. With this in mind, it is imperative that parents call the attendance line when their student will be absent for any reason so that we can save time when accounting for students every morning. Please have called the attendance line before 8:30AM of the day your student is/will be absent.

Pre-arranged Absences - If you know that your student will be absent for an extended amount of time, please fill out a Pre-arranged Absence form (on website) and turn it in to the front office.

In order for the absence to be excused, the student must meet one or more of the following conditions:

- Is in good academic standing
- has no unexcused absences
- has four or fewer excused absences in a semester or seven or fewer in a school year.

# 6th Grade Website

From the Meiklejohn Homepage

- Teachers

-6th Grade

<https://sites.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/6th-grade-top-dogs/>

# Online tools we will be using in 6th grade:

Here at Meiklejohn we offer students several ways to use technology so that we can engage students in the academic content and teach the ISTE standards for technology. e.g. Technology safety is a priority we have a list of websites/apps your student may use this school year.

Google Classroom  
Google Suite of Tools  
ShowMe  
Khan Academy  
Newsela  
Brainpop  
Kahoot



# ★ Outdoor Lab

- \* March 5th-9th
- \* Sept. 16 - Outdoor Lab Open House
- \* We will have a Parent Meeting some time in January
- \* Information can be found on the Outdoor Lab

website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/outdoor-lab-schools/home>

\*Please consider supporting the foundation on Sept. 30

# 6th Grade Musical - SHREK JR.!!!

Auditions Sept. 12 and 13 at lunch, must have signed agreement letter to audition. Rehearsals begin the following week.

\*Performances are Dec. 5&6.

\*Rehearsals take place after school Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays and during lunches (specific days will be assigned after casting takes place.)

\*Rehearsal schedule is very rigorous and students can only miss 2 rehearsals, and none the week before or after Thanksgiving.

\*Students with lunch rehearsals need to keep up with homework, because a rehearsal might need to be missed to go to the classroom to make up work, and that counts as an absence.

\*Parent help is needed for scenery and costumes. Please sign up on the agreement letter.

\*Questions? Come find Mrs. Talley! Or email at [ltalley@jeffco.K12.co.us](mailto:ltalley@jeffco.K12.co.us)

# ★ Questions?

Thank you for coming! Looking forward to working with all of you and your students!!!