

Frequently Asked Questions (6th Grader Edition):

1. When do we have Specials classes?

Monday: Art and Spanish

Tuesday: Computers and Library

Wednesday: Spanish and PE*

Thursday: Music

Friday: PE*

*For both PE days, you should wear your regular uniform to school, and you will need to bring your Gym uniform in a bag or drawstring backpack.

2. Do we have to change for Gym class?

Yes, you will. Make sure you have your Gym uniform in a bag or drawstring backpack that will not rip (plastic grocery bags will not hold up as well, for example). If you need to bring deodorant, that would be a good item for your bag or drawstring backpack as well.

3. Can we have snack time in class? Can I bring a water bottle?

We will definitely be having snack time in class. The time we have it may change slightly from day-to-day, depending on what we are doing (for example, we will not be having snacks when we are doing a Science experiment). Please make sure you bring a snack that does not require utensils and that is not overly messy. We will not be placing water bottles on our desks while we have Chromebooks on our desks. If you have a Chromebook on your desk, you will need to put your water bottle on the floor next to your desk.

4. Do we get to use Chromebooks every day?

You will be able to have the privilege of using Chromebooks once you and your adult at home sign the Chromebook Permission slip. This form will go over the rules and expectations of using a Chromebook in class. Once that is signed and brought back to Mrs. Treusch, you can use your own Chromebook (they are all numbered), but you'll only be able to use it for the assignment that your teacher allows. You will need approval before using it; you are not allowed to do whatever you want whenever you want on your Chromebook.

We use our Chromebooks to go on Google Classroom to see our daily agenda, turn in assignments, watch educational video clips, access important documents, and play educational games. If a student is in violation of these rules and expectations, the Chromebook will be taken from them and they will have to earn it back. Please note that the amount of time a student loses their Chromebook for can vary.

5. Will I get my own locker this year?

Yes, you will get your own locker this year. You will not need to share with anyone. You are expected to keep your locker clean and organized at all times. Please do not leave food in your lockers for an extended period of time, as it will start to mold and rot and smell.

6. Will I have a buddy from another grade this year?

Yes! We will be having preschool buddies from the Preschool 4 class. We will be reading with them, doing crafts with them, playing with them, and learning with them. For holidays, we will be making gifts and cards for them.

While we are with our preschool buddies, you will be expected to be on your best behavior. You need to be a good example for the younger students in our building. You will need to be patient with them and be helpful while we are with them.

7. What do I need to bring with me the first day of school?

You should not need to bring your classroom supplies like disinfecting wipes or paper towel, as your adult probably already gave them to Mrs. Treusch. If your adult has not done that yet, then you may bring those supplies with you.

Please bring your backpack, book covers, pens and pencils, ruler, white-out, calculator, etc. with you. On the first day of school, you will bring all of your items into the classroom with you. You will not be going to a locker right away; you will need to wait for Mrs. Treusch to tell you which locker is yours and when it is your turn to go to your locker to unpack. This is to avoid confusion and crowding in the hallway.

Please also bring any paperwork that you and/or your adult at home signed as well as \$5.00 for a planner. This planner is going to be very important throughout the year because Mrs. Treusch checks it every day at the end of the day.

Mrs. Treusch has some items that you can borrow if you forget yours. These include pencils, crayons, rulers, scissors, tape, and glue. Please do not get into the habit of forgetting your things though, as one of the middle school rules is to come to class prepared.

8. Who is my teacher?

Your homeroom teacher is Mrs. Treusch. You pronounce your teacher's last name like "Troosh" (it rhymes with "swoosh"). Mrs. Treusch likes Yoda, Wonder Woman, sunflowers, and spending time with friends and family. She has a daughter named Veronica (who is in preschool 3 this year at St. Joe's), a husband named Arthur (who is also a teacher), and a rescue dog named Winston.

Mrs. Treusch will teach you Religion, Social Studies, Literature, Spelling and Vocabulary, and Science. Mrs. Darin will teach you English. Mrs. Crotty will teach you Math. Your Specials teachers will teach you Computers, PE, Art, Spanish, and Music. You will also have Library.

9. What should I do if I'm absent?

If you are absent, you will need to make up your work. Some of your work will probably be posted in Google Classroom, so you should always check there first for assignments as well as an agenda of what we'll be doing while you're gone. We will collect your work for you in class as well, and one of your adults can pick it up after school. If everyone in your household is sick, then another adult can come pick it up and deliver it to you or you can get your work when you return. Please try to do your work as promptly as possible. If you were absent for one day, you get one additional day to make your work up. Turn in your absent work into the correct teacher when it is completed.

10. What can I expect this school year?

You should expect to learn. You should expect to be in a safe environment. You should expect to treat others how you would like to be treated. You should expect that Mrs. Treusch will help teach you important skills and that she wants the best for you. You should expect to take responsibility for your own behavior because honesty and communication go a long way towards a great school year!

Sixth grade is the first year of middle school. With that comes added responsibilities. You will need to be organized and practice your good listening skills in order to be the most successful version of yourself you can be.

**Is there anything that you think Mrs. Treusch missed talking about?
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