

Assignment Policy

Schoology

Every student has a Schoology account where you can view assignments, due dates, grades, updates, and school messages for each class. Please watch this video for instructions about how to access this tool.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMUKk_Dw0d0

After setting up an account, parents and guardians can use Schoology to monitor their children's progress and access important class information.

Parents/Guardians, please check Schoology weekly.

Please visit kingms.org for information about school policies and the bell schedules.

Class information and ESM events can be found at kingesm.org.

Expectations

- Students are expected to submit assignments by the due date. Late assignments will not be given full credit. No assignments over five days late will be accepted.
- Cell Phones must be off during class time.

Absences

You will have as many days as you were absent to make up assignments for full credit. However, we strongly encourage you to get the phone number of at least two classmates who you can call to ask about missed work.

Materials

Highly Recommended:

Math

- Two-8 1/2 X 11 lined spiral notebooks
- Calculator
- 3 mechanical pencils
- Eraser

English

- One-8 1/2 X 11 single subject college ruled spiral notebook
- 1 pack of 3X5 index cards
- 1 packet of Post-it page markers
- Highlighters (3 colors, if possible)

History

- 1 lined composition book

Science

- 1 lined composition book

General supplies for use for all classes

- 1 pocket folder
- 3 blue or black ink pens
- Pencils & sharpener w/lid
- Pencil case
- Headphones/earbuds
- Refillable water bottle
- Reusable utensils
- Chapter book of your choice

For use at home:

- Colored pencils/crayons
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue stick

Note: Students should have materials by Monday, August 24.

2020-2021



6th Grade Classes

Ms. Williams-Math rm. 331
Ms. Gardea-History rm. 332
Ms. Jones-Science rm. 320
Ms. Mitsuse-English rm. 322

King Lions are:

Respectful,
Responsible,
Appreciative of Differences,
and Life-Long Learners!

ESM Core Values

Embrace Sustainability
Academic Integrity
Real-World Connections
Technology Integration
Harmony with the Community

Grading Policy

A specified number of points are given on homework/class work, quizzes/tests and projects/presentations.

The following formula is used to determine students' grades:

Total points earned/Total points possible

Example: $42/50 = 0.84 = 84\%$

Percents are converted into letter grades:

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 59 and below.

Marks for **work habits** and **cooperation** are given each reporting period (E-exceptional, S-satisfactory, U-unsatisfactory). **Work habits** reflect the student's effort to complete assignments with attention to the criteria and quality, maintain excellent attendance, including online classes, by avoiding absences and tardies, and to accept responsibility for his/her actions. **Cooperation** reflects the student's ability to work with others, maintain positive behavior, and take responsibility for personal improvement.

Grading Categories

30% Projects/Presentations

30% Quizzes/Tests

30% Classwork/Participation

10% Homework

There are **four** reporting periods in each semester and grades are cumulative (i.e., the points earned in the first progress report will count towards the final semester grade.) *It is the final semester grade that goes into your school records, but **notice that what you do from day one will affect your final grades!!***

Course Descriptions

Math

In sixth grade, we focus on four critical areas: using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; division of fractions, including negative rational numbers; writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and, developing understanding of statistical thinking. We use project-based learning, individual projects, and lots of practice to build mathematical understanding with a growth mindset focus.



History

Who wrote the first laws? What culture invented the compass? How are mummies made? This year in social studies we will explore ancient cultures that once ruled the world and find out how they influenced modern cultures across the globe. Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, India, Greece, and Rome will come alive through art, research, and technology projects that focus on the **Geography, Religion, Achievements, Politics, Economics, and Social Structures** of these civilizations.



Science/Health

This year we will compare and contrast living systems and Earth systems through investigations of cells and weather. Students will explore how human actions can change the Earth systems' components and interactions that profoundly alter organisms and climate at local, regional and global levels. Students will apply scientific principles and methods to design, create, and revise models to answer questions and support claims. In Health, students learn about developing healthy lifestyle habits. Students explore ways to make responsible choices regarding eating, resting, and exercising, as well as how to deal with social issues.

Language Arts

In your Language Arts class, we will journey into the lives of some funny, wild, scary, and adventurous characters in short stories, books, and poems. The stories and novels of writers such as Laurie Halse Anderson, George Saunders, Linda Sue Park, and Jack London will ignite discussion and lead us to explore current social and environmental issues through research and writing.



