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Orange Team Shirts!



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Orange Team News

Expo Trip

This year the Orange Team will be going to Ivoryton for the annual 6th grade field trip. While at Ivoryton, your child will learn the importance of community and environmental awareness through activities and lessons that are linked to the 6th grade curriculum.

Forms

The deadline for all forms is Oct. 20th, 2010. Your child received an informational packet with forms on Friday, Oct. 1. Additional forms may be downloaded from the Middlesex webpage or through the following URL:

http://www.darienps.org/middlesex/expo_information.htm

Does my child have to go?

Of course not, however, we would naturally like to see every child on the team attend. Many of the teachers from the team will attend and it is a great way for the students to connect with one another in a different setting. It is a time to forge new friendships and explore learning in a new environment.

Students who do not attend will have alternative assignments and work that must be completed.

Financial scholarship and/or dispersed payments may be available for those who qualify. If you would like to find out more about receiving, or donating funds for scholarship, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

Expo Trip Dates

The Expo Trip is the week of Thanksgiving break. This year, the trip will go from Nov. 22-24 (Mon-Wed). The pick-up time is 12PM (Noon) on Wednesday. Please be prompt with your pick-up. The buses typically roll in before 12PM and dismissal quickly follows, so please be cognizant of the time.

Expo Contacts

Questions regarding Expo should be directed to Ms. Trish Valentine or Mr. Dan Kensek.

Trish Valentine (Ext: 3444)
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Financial scholarship questions may be directed to the guidance counselors.

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Organizational Skills

The team is working with many children on their organizational skills. If your child needs help, please send him or her in during the morning to work with one of the team teachers. Like most things, organization is a skill that must be practiced. Over time, it becomes a learned routine. As a family, you may want to create an organized work area at home. Use those old coffee cans to store pencils and create a

nice big family calendar where events and assessments can be posted. Getting everyone involved can help create a sense of control and healthy habits that benefit everyone in the family.

Binder Organization – By Subject

Several parents have also asked what material their child should have for their binders and general organization. Some of you may have seen your child's binder and thought, "We're not in Kansas any more, Toto." Fear not, getting the right materials can save a lot of time and headaches.

Here is a list of the preferred and required organizational material:

Science – Folder (Table Of Content)

Math – Folder (notes on one side)

English A – Binder Sect. (most recent on top)

English B – Binder Sect. (most recent on top)

Foreign Lang. – Binder Section (most recent on top)

Social Studies – Binder Section (TOCs in order...may be in reversed order)

Note: All material should have the student's name and homeroom number.

Additionally, the agenda book should not be in the 3-ring binder, as it could break the rings. A slim pencil case is okay.

Binder Clean-up

Your child will periodically clean out their binder sections and folders with their teachers. It is best to let the teachers help your child determine what will be needed for later. All of the subject areas have End-of-the-Year Assessments (EoYA). Many of the

subject areas help the students collect all of the materials so that they may reflect on what was learned in preparation for the assessment. For that reason, it is important that your child practice good organization and retention routines.

Absences & Work

With Fall comes the flu and all sorts of illnesses that plague schools nationwide. If your child gets sick or is absent for other reasons, your child will want to

check online to find the homework. You may also call the school to pick up necessary work if your child is out for two or more days.

When your child returns, it is important to drop your child off early to see the teachers. If your child needs work and tutelage, the best time for the teachers to assist will be before or after school. Setting those appointments is important for both, your child and the teachers. Your support is greatly appreciated. 🍎

Ideal Materials



Quantity - Description

- 1-2 1 ½" Hard Plastic Binders (ex: Staples Better Binder...\$8.99)
- 3 2 Pocket Plastic Folders (ex: Staples 2 Pocket Poly Folder...\$2.49)
- 1 Set of 5 Tab Dividers (ex: Staples 5-Tab Writable...\$5.49)

Set-up:

Some students prefer having *Morning* and *Afternoon* binders. Others find that they only need one binder plus the needed folders for math and science. The tabs within the binder should be labeled in the order of their classes.

Folders:

Some students benefit from keeping one *Homework Folder*. This folder would be carried all day along with the agenda book (assignment pad). One pocket should be labeled for homework to be completed. The other pocket should be used for completed work. The other two folders would be used exclusively for math or science. If there is homework in math or science, then the folder would need to be taken home.