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| ***Welcome!*** |

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We are thrilled that you will be joining us for the 2014-2015 school year. Going into the 6th grade is a very exciting time and we are eagerly waiting to get to know each and every one of you. We have a lot of new and interesting lessons waiting for you at middle school, all we need now is you!

**Important Dates**

Tuesday, July 1 – Schedule pick up from 4:00-6:00

Monday, July 7 – First day of school 7:25-2:15

**Keeping Up**

Student success in middle school is greatly increased through communication. We want to make parent, student and teacher interaction a priority. Here is what you can do to help your student.

* Sign up for our parent email distribution list
* Check Blackboard and teacher websites
* Check your child’s agenda daily
* Look for, sign and return interim reports each quarter

**Adjusting to Middle School**

The transition from elementary to middle school work is a big one! Students who are used to one teacher doling out the work a little at a time are sometimes overwhelmed when they have to learn how to balance work from 4, 5, or 6 teachers at a time. We are here to help. There will be several opportunities for students to get the extra help they need. Students will be expected to take advantage of the opportunities provided to complete or make up missing work, re-do a low test, or even just get organized. It is your child’s responsibility to seek out these opportunities and we want to encourage you to help them learn how to be a good self-advocate. We can’t help them if they don’t ask, and they won’t adapt to the workload if they make excuses instead of making a plan. We are fair, flexible and friendly and we know they are capable of doing everything we expect of them. We also know that they will not develop those skills overnight and certainly not without our help. Please be assured that we understand and are here to help them succeed.

Another big adjustment to make is grading. In middle school we are on a 7 point scale. Students will receive letter grades based on that scale. Grading policies are aligned at each grade level and teachers of the same subject will share grading policies and procedures. For grading policies by subject, check handouts sent home by your child’s teachers. To understand our school-wide approach to grading, please see the Lufkin website.

**6-2 Leopards**

**Supply List 2014-2015**

**For all classes**

o 2 packs 3x5 index cards (one for school and one pack for home)

o 1 USB flash drive

o Lots of pencils and erasers

o Black, blue and red pens

o Colored pencils

o Handheld pencil sharpener

o 3 different color highlighters

o many glue sticks- these will be used for all classes

o Loose-leaf paper

o Agenda – available for purchase at school

o Post-it notes

**Language Arts**

* 2- composition notebooks
* 1- 5 subject, spiral bound notebook, college ruled
* several High Lighters
* *Lots of glue sticks*
* mini post it tabs

**Social Studies**

* 1- 5 subject spiral bound notebook, **college** ruled
* Post-It tabs

**Math**

* One 2” binder
* Loose-leaf paper
* Lots of pencils and erasers

**Science**

* One 2” binder

***\*\* Please do not bring large canvas notebooks or “trapper keepers”. They are awkward and do not fit in the lockers.\*\****

**Requested Donation for use throughout the year**

* Tissues
* Clorox wipes
* New/used playground balls and equipment
* New/used board games

 Any duplicate items from the supply list

Meet Your Teachers!

