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Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Sauganash administration and the sixth grade team would like to provide parents with a snapshot of “A Day as a Sauganash 6th Grader.”

## **Language Arts Instruction with Mrs. Biesty**

The language arts curriculum is designed to help students increase their communication and analytical skills. Students will be reading and responding to a variety of engaging literature and informational text. Their grammar and vocabulary skills will be enhanced through both online and workbook activities. Instruction will be a combination of the whole class and small group to meet the needs of all learners. For technology, students will be using IXL, Readworks, and CommonLit to strengthen their reading skills.

## **Writing and Social Studies Instruction with Mr. Krsic**

Sixth grade students will be immersed into a variety of social studies and writing cooperative learning opportunities. Sixth grade curriculum will focus on early and ancient human societies in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. Social Studies lessons will consist of hands-on exploration and analysis of primary and secondary sources. Project based learning with supplemental quizzes will be used to assess student’s knowledge and learning.

For writing, students will strengthen their writing skills using the ThinkCERCA model, persuasive writing strategies, and 6 Traits mini-lessons. Vocabulary will be taught using a Latin and Greek roots approach which will also be incorporated into social studies lessons. A large emphasis will be placed on the process of learning as students work towards mastering key writing and historical analysis skills.

## **Math Instruction with Mr. Ciucci**

Students in fifth grade will have daily math practice for the first ten minutes of class. They will work together on a variety of higher order thinking math problems. Students will be taught as a whole group direct instruction on a new topic each day. The students will have the opportunity to work in cooperative learning groups to work together on each topic. Each classroom is equipped with a SmartBoard, white boards and Webcam. For technology, students will be using IXL, Khan Academy, Virtual Nerd, and Web Math Minute to strengthen their math skills.

## Science Instruction with Ms. Nepo

This year we will be doing a lot of figuring out big science ideas and working toward a shared goal of getting smarter together! Our journey will take us on explorations of the following topics:

- Microbiome
- Metabolism
- Traits and Reproduction
- Thermal Energy
- Ocean, Atmosphere, and Climate
- Weather Patterns
- Earth's Changing Climate

## Diverse Learner Co-teacher for Math and Language Arts with Mrs. Knorr

During sections of language arts and math, there will be additional support provided in a co-teaching setting.

## Lunch & Recess

Every school day, students have an opportunity to socialize and participate in physical activities.

### Special Periods

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
224: PE 118: Tech	224: Spanish 118: STEM	224: STEAM 118: PE	116: PE 118: Art	116: STEAM 118: Tech* *Rotates Quarterly