

Sixth Grade Information

2009-2010
School Year

Mrs. Urban
Miss Waltrip
Mrs. Williams

Contact Information

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year at Sarah Winnemucca Elementary! We believe that this year will be a fun and exciting year for your child. Your help and support is an essential part of making this year a successful partnership. We look forward to being in contact with you often in order to best serve your child's needs.

You will receive a monthly newsletter telling you what we are currently exploring, reporting, and researching, as well as, important dates and information.

It is important to us that we stay in communication with each other. If you have a concern about your child, there are several ways in which to contact us. We can be reached by email, agenda and by phone. Since we check the agendas for parent signature every morning, we also look for notes written by parents. If you choose to leave a message at school, we will try to return your call within 24 hours.

Important numbers and emails:

School phone: 746-5810

Attendance line: 746-5895

Email:

Mrs.Urban- surban@washoe.k12.nv.us

Miss Waltrip- jwaltrip@washoe.k12.nv.us

Mrs.Williams- tlwilliams@washoe.k12.nv.us

Block Scheduling

Daily Schedule Monday - Thursday:

9:00-9:05	Homeroom check in	Wed Schedule
9:05-10:10	1 st Period Reading	9:10-10 Music
10:10-11:15	2 nd Period	10-10:50 1 st
11:15-11:45	3 rd Period	10:50-11:45 2 nd
11:45-12:35	Lunch	Lunch
12:35-1:10	3 rd Period	12:35-1:25 3 rd
1:10-2:15	4 th Period	1:25-2:15 4 th
2:15-3:00	5 th Period LEAP	2:15-3 Leap

*Fridays are spent with homeroom doing specials such as computers, library and music.

*Music is on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please help your child remember to bring their instruments on these two days.

Teachers and Classes:

Mrs. Urban teaches reading, science and social studies in D6.

Miss Waltrip teaches reading and language arts in D1.

Mrs. Williams teaches reading and math in D3.

For questions about specific subjects, please contact the teacher who teaches the class you are inquiring about. For other questions, contact your child's homeroom teacher.

What are the opportunities of block scheduling for our students?

- To use and benefit from a variety of instructional strategies and techniques
- To have active learning experiences
- To explore key concepts in depth
- To have differentiated instruction and learning
- To experience interdisciplinary teaching and learning
- To learn to organize and prepare for middle school

Classroom rules

1. Respect others, yourself and property
2. Follow directions the first time
3. Complete all assignments on time
4. Seek help if you need it
5. Do your best on all your work

Rewards

1. Praise
2. Great citizenship grades
3. Classroom parties for great citizens
4. Friday Fun Time

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Mark conduct card, lowering citizenship grades
3. Office referral
4. Parent contact for continued misbehavior

Grading Scale and Conduct Cards

<u>Grading Scale</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A	100-95
A-	94-90
B	89-85
B-	84-80
C	79-75
C-	74-70
D	69-65
D-	64-60
F	59-0

Weekly Conduct Card (Social Citizenship)

A	0 marks
A-	1 mark
B	2 marks
B-	3 marks

Each mark lowers the grade $\frac{1}{2}$ grade

Weekly Conduct Card (Academic Citizenship)

Missed homework assignments are marked as (a) and will result in the lowering of the academic citizenship grade one full grade. Everything else results in lowering the grade $\frac{1}{2}$ grade.

Conduct cards are located in the front of the agenda. Each conduct card covers a one week time period. Parent signatures are required on the conduct card at the end of each week, to be checked on Monday. The explanation of the misbehavior that earned a mark is on each conduct card, as is available for you to check on a daily basis. If you have any questions about marks on the conduct card, please contact us.

6th Grade Suggested Supply List

Supplies to turn in to teacher:

Two reams of binder paper
Two reams of 20 lb copy paper
One box of Kleenex
Post-it notes
\$20.00 lab and materials fee

Supplies to be brought to school and kept in the backpack:

1 ½ inch or larger 3 ring binder
Colored pencils
Pencils (preferably mechanical pencils)
4 two pocket folders

Friday Folders

Friday folders will come home every Friday. Inside this folder you should find your child's graded work for the week, and all communication from the school or district.

Please make sure you are looking at your child's weekly graded papers and return the empty folder with your initials indicating you have seen their returned work. Please feel free to send the homeroom teacher a note if you feel you are not getting all of your child's graded papers. The Friday folder and conduct card will both need to be initialed or your child will receive a missed assignment mark.

Class Work and Homework Policy

Your child could be assigned approximately 60 minutes of homework each night, which includes the 30 minutes of reading for the daily reading log. During the first trimester, your child will learn how to take notes, prepare for weekly exams and quizzes, and plan for long term projects. We know that your child may be involved in extracurricular activities, so you may need to help your child find time each day in which to complete their assignments and study.

All students are expected to bring any assignments to school on time. Parents are not responsible for bringing “forgotten work” to their child. We encourage the students to be responsible or take the consequences. If we receive a message that your child is ill or there is a family emergency, we will give extra time to turn in the assignment.

Any class work or homework assignment not received on its due date will be recorded as a zero in the grade book and will affect his/her academic grade and citizenship grade. Each missed assignment will lower the academic citizenship grade one full letter grade for the week. Each week the citizenship grades return to an A and stay there until the conduct card is marked. In class assignments not fully completed on time will be marked down accordingly.

All students will receive two days for every one day they were absent to make up assignments. Teachers and classmates will collect missing work when students are absent, however, it is your child’s responsibility to go to each teacher to get the missed work.

Reminder: 30 minutes of reading each night is required. The daily reading log must be filled out and signed by a parent daily, and returned to school each day. The reading log will count as a portion of the student’s reading grade.

Please sign and return this page. If you have any questions or comments please include them below.

I have read and understand the 6th grade policies.

6th grade student

Parent signature