

# Welcome, Exploris 6th Grade Parents!



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Exploris is a learning community that engages students in a rigorous, relevant, relationship-based education. This is done through experiential, project-based learning that empowers students to build a connected, just, and sustainable world.

# Curriculum

## *Relevance and Rigor*

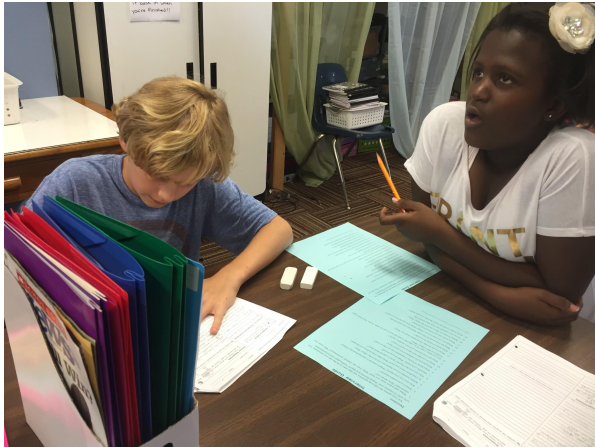
- NC Essential Standard
- Next Generation Science Standards
- Common Core Standards
- Global Issues
- Our Community
- The World



Public Schools of North Carolina  
State Board of Education  
Department of Public Instruction



# Daily Schedule



7:55-8:15-Solitude

8:15-9:55-Global Arts (Art, Wellness, and Global Languages)

9:55-10:00-Snack

10:00-10:30-Morning Meeting

10:30-12:30-Math/ELA

12:30-1:10-Lunch/Outside

1:10-1:20-Quiet Time

1:20-2:55-Expedition

2:55-Deep Cleaning

~~3:00~~-3:13-Closing Circle

# Attendance Policy

## EXCUSED ABSENCES

The following are considered reasons for lawful absence:

1. Illness or Injury
2. Quarantine
3. Death in the Immediate Family
4. Religious Observances
5. Medical or Dental Appointments (with a note from the doctor)
6. Educational Opportunity (with Director's approval)

**If a student is absent from school, parents should email, call the office and leave a voicemail stating the reason the child is absent and presumed return date to school or send a note stating the reason for the absence on the student's return. All absences from school are considered unexcused until a written excuse (email is okay) is received from the parent/guardian.**

## UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Absences due to any reason other than those listed above are "unexcused" with no exceptions.

In accordance with North Carolina's compulsory attendance law, G.S. 115C-378 parents will be notified after a student has accumulated 3 unexcused absences. Parents will be notified in writing when a student has accumulated 6 unexcused absences.



# Tardy Policy

## TARDINESS

Tardiness can disrupt the learning process, for both the tardy student and his/her classmates. Parents are encouraged to drop their students off at school prior to 8:15 to avoid a loss of instructional time.

**Please Note: Three (3) unexcused tardies will count as an unexcused absence. Students arriving after the start time must sign in at the school office.**

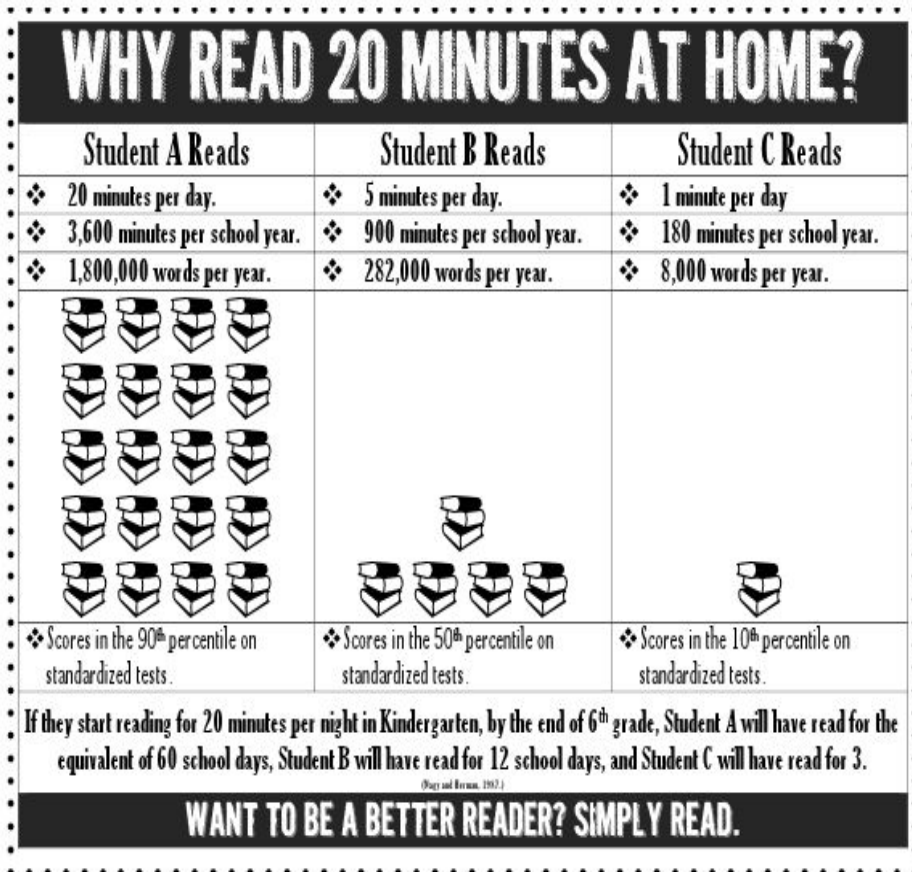
The following are examples of excused tardies:

1. Medical Appointment
2. Dental Appointment

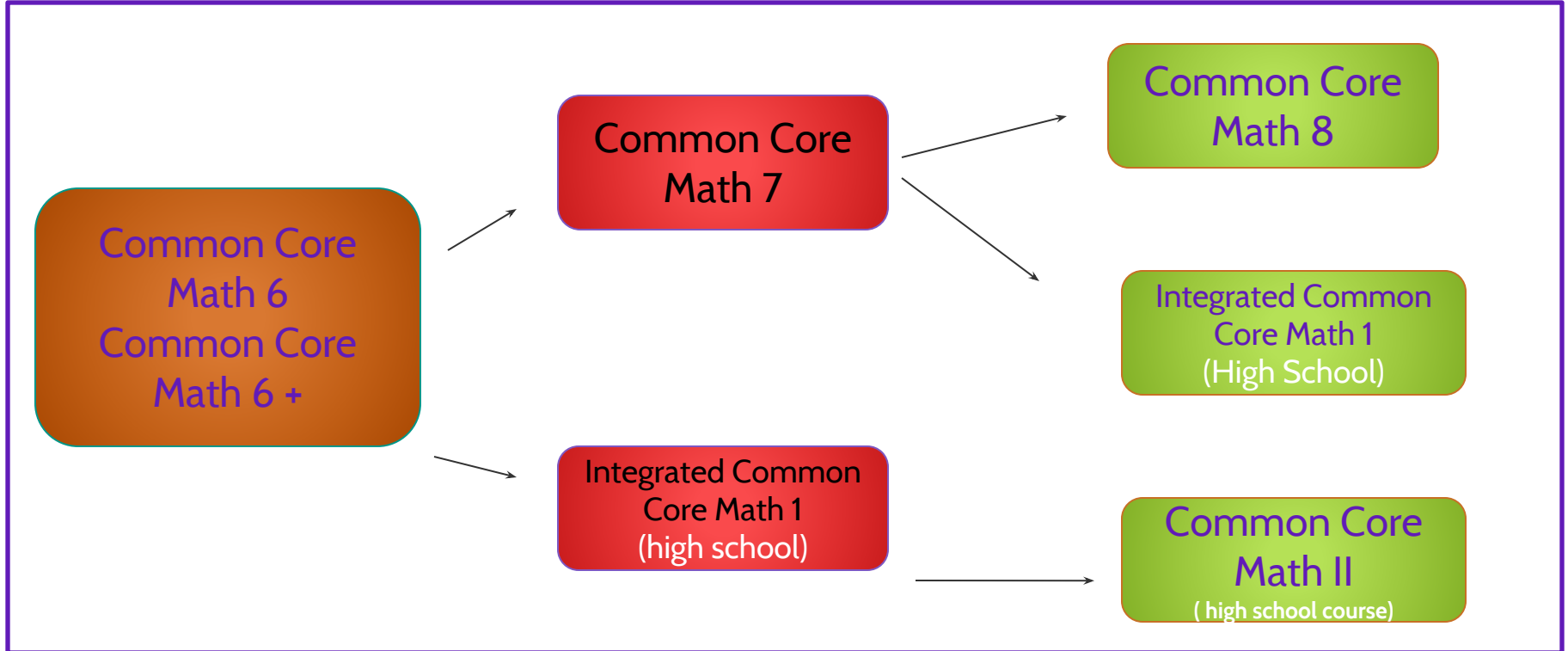
# English Language Arts

*Growing dendrites!*

- At least 30 minutes each day to read min. 150 pages per week
- Fiction, non-fiction, newspaper, magazine, etc.
- Record finished books or articles on RRJ reading log
- Reading Wish List
- Respond and reflect



# Common Core Math





# Lunch/Snack

- No utensil snack
- Waste free lunch (send a ziploc bag for yogurts, contain trash, etc.)
- Healthy birthday treats (the last school day of the month)



# Interdisciplinary Expeditions

## First Trimester:

- Driving Question: How can we use science to tell the story of our past and sustain our future?
- Geographic features and resources
- Basic human needs

## Second Trimester:

- Justice
- Conflict and Peace

## Third Trimester:

- Environment
- Sustainability



# Citizen Science/Service Learning

- Exploris Garden
- Shark Teeth Study
- The Box Turtle Connection Project at Lake Raleigh
- Earth Force
- Beautify Hillsborough Street (using Litterati app)



# Exploris Google Account

- <http://mail.exploris.org>



- Students have a yellow paper glued to the inside of their agenda with ALL of their log-in and password information.

# How We Communicate Student Progress

- Agenda, Email, Phone
- Assignment / Project Rubrics  
(parent signature)
- Student Led Parent Conferences  
(Oct., Jan., May)
- Trimester Achievement Report  
(Nov., Mar., June)



# Weekly Communication

- A weekly letter is posted to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade blog at the beginning of each week.  
<http://exploris6thgrade.wordpress.com/>
- School-wide announcements are posted on the Exploris PTO blog.  
<http://explorispto.wordpress.com/>
- If you are not following the blog or receiving updates, please let Devon know. (drose@exploris.org)

# Trimester Achievement Report

- English Language Arts (ELA)
- Math
- Crew (Habits of Scholarship - Grit, Responsibility, Collaboration, Craftsmanship)
- Expedition Content (Science and Social Studies)
- Global Arts (Art, Wellness and Body Life, Global Languages and Culture)
- Exceptional Children Progress Report

# How you can help your 6<sup>th</sup> grader?

- Support Self-Reliance in your child! We want independent learners, independent thinkers, and problem-Solvers!
- Check agenda daily
- Get child to school every day and on time **(7:55-8:05 is best)**
- Build relationships with fellow Exploris families
  - **Adult Social-November 9th**
- Volunteer





# Questions?

- Please place your completed survey in the basket on your way out!

Thanks for coming!

