

Welcome

to

**Bemidji Middle School,
6th Grade, & BETA Pod!**



2021-2022

A Note From Your Teachers!

We hope you have been enjoying your summer. It has gone by quickly and before long we will all be gearing up for a new school year.

We are looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive year. Come prepared to give us your best effort every day and we will do the same for you! 😊

Sincerely,
*Mrs. Tharaldson, Mrs. Skala,
Mrs. Smith, Ms. McIsacc
and Mr. Randall*

Locker

Your locker number and combination are enclosed with this letter. You are welcome to locate your locker and practice your combination before school starts.

School Supplies

*****Beta Pod DOES NOT require a
Trapper Keeper.**

Please DO NOT purchase one***

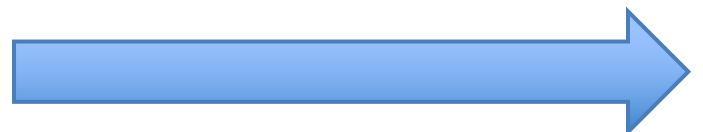
- ✓ #2 pencils or mechanical pencils
You will need to replenish often so stock up 😊
- ✓ **ONE 2-inch, 3-ring binder** (sturdy)
- ✓ ONE pocket folder
- ✓ (2) composition notebooks: one for Language Arts & one for Math
- ✓ * (12 pk) colored pencils
- ✓ * 1 box of Kleenex
- ✓ * \$5 lab donation
- ✓ * glue sticks (1 pkg)
- ✓ * markers (pk of 8 or 10)
- ✓ * 1 pkg highlighters

(*) items are collected for pod use

Optional, but much appreciated:

- one ream of copy paper (to be collected)

Turn paper over for more information.



Tips for Success in transitioning to Middle School

- Help your child set up a nightly routine for homework.
- Daily completion of class work and homework is essential to your child's success in sixth grade. Late assignments only receive half credit.
- Pay attention to cut off dates for missing work in each class. Some classes do not take missing work after a unit has ended, and other classes use mid-quarter as a cutoff date for missing work.
- Check Skyward; the online grade book, at least weekly to keep up with your child's progress.
- Contact us whenever you have a concern. We are here to help!



Communication

- We send a text message daily through the *Remind app* letting you know about homework.
- We maintain a BETA POD Google Classroom for caregivers and students.
- We post grade printouts in our classroom using your child's student number so your son or daughter can continually check on their progress.
- We are available and encourage students to come in for help from 8:12-8:30 each day (you need a pass).
- Contact us via email or phone call if you have questions, concerns or any other reason - you are an important part of the the team!



Relax! It's going to be OK!

Most importantly, relax! Do not stress over the start of sixth grade and the Middle School. We will be here to help you every step of the way.

- We will help you find your classes that are outside of the pod.
- We will help you with your locker.
- We will help you with your work.
- **Anything else that comes up.....we will help you!**