

Welcome to Alpha Pod!



The teachers in Alpha Pod are committed to helping you have a successful school year!

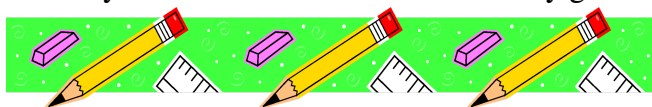
Let us introduce ourselves:

Mrs. Robbins – Math
Ms. Willard – Social Studies
Ms. Lalli – Language Arts
Mr. Pope - Science

The Alpha teachers realize that many of our new students are nervous about coming to Bemidji Middle School. It is a big step and we understand that you may feel apprehensive. We want to assure you that there is no need to worry. During the first few days you may forget your locker combination, forget or misplace your schedule or assignment book, get lost or turned around in the building, or bring the wrong materials to class. No Big Deal! We take things very slowly the first few days because we want you to have time to adjust and get accustomed to the middle school.

Please don't worry about not knowing anyone or making friends. We spend a lot of time the first few days getting to know each other. Every year many 6th graders begin the year nervous but after only a few days become very comfortable in the new environment and look forward to coming to school each day. We are confident that you will too.

Our goal is to work hard daily to empower each of you to succeed and be happy in our diverse and changing world. We will consistently encourage each of you to work hard to achieve healthy goals.



Contact Information:

All Alpha teachers use the district online grading program, Skyward. You may check your child's progress at any time. If you have any questions or concerns there is an email link to all of your child's teachers directly from the website. This is the best way to touch base with your child's teachers.

You may access this link through the school district website: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us>. From there, click on Parent Resources and then Family Access.

You can also check things such as meal account balances, schedules, attendance, etc. If you have not used this resource before, the link to set this up is

<https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/family-access/>

This resource is really handy!

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6th Grade School Supplies

- ❖ Large supply of sharpened regular pencils
- ❖ Colored pencils
- ❖ A couple of small handheld pencil sharpeners with enclosed tops that catch the shavings
- ❖ 5 colored folders for Basic classes (plastic folders with horizontal pockets last longer)
 - green for math
 - yellow for social studies
 - red for language arts
 - blue for science
 - orange for reading
- ❖ 2 regular green notebooks for Math
- ❖ 1 green composition notebook for Math
- ❖ 1 yellow notebook for Social Studies
- ❖ 1 composition notebook for Language Arts
- ❖ 1 orange notebook for Reading
- ❖ Notebook & folder of choice for Allied Arts

To be used by the POD

- ❖ 2 boxes of tissues
- ❖ glue sticks
- ❖ Dry Erase markers

Optional/Helpful item:

- ❖ Trapper Keeper (or 3-ring binder to organize folders)
- ❖ \$10 lab donation for Science
- ❖ 1 ream copy paper (to be collected)