Welcome to 6th Grade at Jefferson Middle School!

Team Storm Runner

Teachers would like to welcome you to 6th Grade at JMS! This will be an exciting year for all of us and we look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Team Storm Runner is made up of four core classes; English with Mr. Moore, Math with Ms. Urie, Social Studies with Mrs. Prose, and Science with Mrs. Schmidt. For most current information, please check your e-mail on a daily basis. We will e-mail you daily with your child's homework for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. If for some reason you are not receiving the emails or you have a different e-mail than the one on Home Access that you would like us to use, please email Kristi Prose at kprose@cpsk12.org and we will get it fixed right away!

Our Storm Runner team page on Schoology is designed to be a resource for parents and students. You will find upcoming events, homework, contact info, and much more! We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure a successful year!

Expectations

Each of the core teachers will have the same expectations for your student in the classroom. We will expect that they not only abide by the JMS High Fives, but also follow the five expectations listed on the right.

In the case that your child cannot follow these expectations, consequences will be discussed. We also believe communication is key. We will inform you as soon as an issue arises, but we will also let you know when your child is meeting and exceeding our expectations.

It is vital we work together to ensure your child is successful this school year!

JMS High Fives

1. Be Safe
2. Be Cooperative
3. Be Respectful
4. Be Responsible
5. Be a Learner

Team Expectations

1. Follow directions the 1st time.
2. Raise your hand to speak and use correct tone, volume, and words.
3. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
4. Ask permission to move around the room.
5. Use supplies appropriately.
Math with Ms. Urie

Hi! My name is Cassidy Urie and I will be most of your student’s math teacher at Jefferson Middle School! Math is cross teamed, which means some of your children may have Ms. Barfield or Mrs. Cooper as their math teacher.

I am originally from Adrian, Missouri, a small town south of Kansas City. I graduated from MU with a B.S. in Math Education. While at Mizzou, I worked at Adventure Club at Mill Creek Elementary School and Alpha Hart Elementary School. I also tutored students through A Way with Words and Numbers at Mill Creek and during two summers, I taught English to middle school students in South Korea. In 2013, I graduated with a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from MU and in 2017, I graduated with a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Columbia College. This will be my 8th year teaching at JMS and 7th year coaching cheerleading! Go Cyclones!

In Math 6, we will focus on Data/Statistics, Fractions, Ratios, Integers, Decimals, Expressions, Equations, and Geometry. In Advanced Math, we will focus on the same sixth grade objectives, as well as a several 7th grade objectives.

I am eager to begin the year both teaching. In my spare time—enjoy hanging out with my kids, running and writing fiction.

In the 6th grade, your child will be introduced to a variety of new skills that they will work to perfect over grades 6th through 8th. In reading, students will begin to analyze text and begin to form arguments and are different form personal opinions. Students will begin to provide relevant evidence to support their claims.

In writing, we will focus on clarity of organization and sentence variety. We will give them many opportunities to practice these writing skills. The curriculum is broken down into three main units. They are: Fiction/Narrative Writing, Nonfiction/Informative Writing and Drama-Film, Poetry and Argumentative Writing. As you can see, your child will be busy reading and writing. I will do my best to ensure your child enjoys the process, as much as the result.

I am looking forward to sharing your child with you. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. Thanks!

English with Mr. Moore:

I am very excited to be teaching your kiddos at Jefferson Middle School. Jeff is a building rich with history and tradition I have been teaching in Columbia Public Schools for 16 years. I have always taught at the middle school level and enjoy the energy and creativity his age group possesses. Originally from Utah, my family and I moved to Columbia about 19 years ago. We have enjoyed this friendly community and the many things Columbia offers families. I graduated from Weber State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in English and attended Columbia College where I received degrees in Secondary Education and

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with your child and you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns during the year. Thank you!
Social Studies with Mrs. Prose:

My name is Kristi Prose and I will be your student’s social studies teacher this year. This will be my twelfth year teaching middle school social studies. I graduated from Mizzou with my bachelor degree in elementary education as well as my master’s degree in middle school social studies curriculum and instruction. During my free time I enjoy spending time with my husband, one year old daughter, and black lab.

I wanted to share with you some of the fun things we will be learning in social studies this year. The focus in sixth grade social studies is ancient world cultures. We will be focusing on seven units this year including Prehistory, Mesopotamia, World Religions, Ancient Egypt, India, China, and Japan. Our class will have a variety of in class work as well as homework assignments. These assignments should be something that your child has seen earlier that day or week, and are almost always due the following day.

We also will be working on several simulations and projects throughout the year. One of my favorite projects will be our Ancient Egypt Museum Project.

I am excited to be starting the middle school adventure with you and your sixth grader! My job is to help each and every child achieve his or her fullest potential while in my classroom. I look forward to working with you and your student! Contact me anytime if you have questions.

Science with Mrs. Schmidt:

Welcome to Jefferson Middle School. My name is Sheila Schmidt and I have been teaching middle school science at Jeff for fifteen years. I received my bachelors degree from Central Missouri State University and my masters from University of Missouri. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and in the great outdoors. I look forward to working with you and your student throughout this year.

In sixth grade Science this year we will be studying topics including: astronomy, force and motion, experimental design, energy, and ecology. We will also have great opportunities for field trips and exploring the outdoors. One of our upcoming field trips will be an overnight Science Camp on October 3rd and 4th. There will be an informational meeting 5:30 - 6 on August 20 in the auditorium before Back to School Night (6 to 8:15 PM). I am excited to see the students connecting what we learn in the classroom to daily life.

I look forward to beginning this journey with you and your family as your student begins middle school. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

iPad Information

As you know, your student will be issued a CPS iPad for educational use. Your student is responsible for bringing the iPad to school with a full charge everyday. Please help us remind your student that the iPad issued by CPS is for educational use only and if used inappropriately can be taken away. More information and expectations about iPads will be distributed with the device at a later date.
We will expect that your child will place all of his/her homework in the Homework section of their binder. This will reduce the risk of homework becoming lost or misplaced. We will email you daily with the list of homework that your child should have.

**School Supplies Needed for Core Classes**

**6th Grade Supply List**
- Pencils, Pencils, Pencils!
- 2 packets of loose leaf paper
- 1 2” binder AND pack of 5 binder dividers
- Pens (Blue or Black) AND 1 Red Pen
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- 2 composition notebooks (English)
- 1 spiral notebook (Social Studies)
- Clear plastic page protectors
- 4 pocket folders
- Box of tissues
- Index Cards
- Highlighters

**Extra Supply Wish List**
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tissues
- Packages of loose leaf Paper
- Pencils
- AAA Batteries (math calculators)
- Gallon Bags
Throughout the year, there may be additional wish lists due to projects and/or field trips.

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**Reminder:** STRING BACK PACKS ONLY!

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**Schoology**

Our Storm Runner team page on Schoology will be updated daily with assignments, upcoming events, and other important information. Students must “Accept” the Group Request or type in this Access Code to join the Team Page.

**Access Code:** 234DD-Q6FVZ

**Student access to Schoology:** [https://cpsk12.schoology.com](https://cpsk12.schoology.com)
Students will use email address as login (27abc01@stu.cpsk12.org) and the same password that they use to log onto the CPS computer network.

**Parent access to Schoology:** [Schoology.com](https://schoology.com) (This link is different from student login.) The username and passwords for Schoology for families is the same as your Home Access username and password.

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**Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.**

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