**Mrs. Knight’s 6th Grade Class**  
Heritage Elementary 2020-2021

Life is an adventure...  
Be bold! Be brave!

Since this school year holds many uncertainties, let’s just embrace them all and look at it as an adventure. Being positive about our current situation can lead to peace and the ability to focus on what we need to do. Let’s agree to do our best to be adaptable and kind to each other in the midst of our “adventure” this year.

### 6th Grade Curriculum

Curriculum standards for 6th grade can be found online at [www.uen.org/core](http://www.uen.org/core). The following is a very simplified look at what we will dive into this year. Sixth grade moves fast and covers a lot of information. Reviewing the math lesson with your child each evening is a great way to help!

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Homework
Because of the shortened day, all 6th grade students are expected to spend about an hour each day either reading or finishing assignments at home. 6th grade moves QUICKLY, so it is so very important to keep up with all the work each day.

PowerSchool
PowerSchool is an essential tool used by parents and students to view grades and assignments. If you do not know how to log in to PowerSchool, please see Angela in the office to get specific directions for your child. Students can almost always redo an assignment (within a week of the posted grade) to improve their score. Keeping up with your child’s progress by checking PowerSchool often can be especially helpful.

Parent Communication
I will email parents as a group to let you all know about important events or information. I will also email you individually if we need to discuss how we can work together to help your child succeed in class. I welcome emails from parents, and you will find that I usually respond quickly.

You can email me anytime at mary.knight@ccsdut.org, but please know that my priority during the school day is my students, so emails will be answered before or after school. I look forward to working with you to make sure your child has the best year ever!

Special Subjects
We are so lucky to have the amazing opportunity for special subjects each Monday through Thursday. Please encourage your child to be respectful to ALL the teachers on our campus, especially during the following classes.

Monday – Library/Media
Tuesday – Art
Wednesday – Music
Thursday – P.E.
Friday - Computers

NEW SCHEDULE - Every day is the same!
School starts at 9:05 and ends at 2:50 this year.

Catering Manager
Reports hot/cold lunch information to the teacher

Chair Handler
Stacks chairs at end of day

Phone Specialist
Answers phone and delivers messages as needed

Class Ambassador
Leads the class in the flag salute each morning

Literature Scout
Returns library books to the library on Monday

Clean Up Boss
Takes trash out at the end of each day and excuses students

Whiteboard Expert
Cleans whiteboard each day

Records Master
Organizes the day’s work for absent students

Technology Aide
Checks to see that the Chromebooks are plugged in at end of day

Safety Supervisor
Distributes hand sanitizer and wipes down surfaces as directed
KNIGHT AND DAY ADVENTURE COMPANY RULES

- Follow directions the first time.
- Listen when others are speaking.
- Keep hands, feet and unkind words to yourself.

Here’s how it works...

**Low Danger Zone**
Each student begins in the green zone every morning, no matter where they ended up the day before. Every day offers a new chance to have a great day of personal accountability.

**Moderate Danger Zone**
If students choose not to follow the company rules, their names will be moved into the Moderate Danger Zone which is a reminder that they need to focus and manage their own behavior more effectively. In many cases, just this reminder is all that is needed, and students will adjust their behavior and follow the rules once again.

**High Danger Zone**
If the previous warning does not discourage the misbehavior, the student’s name will be moved to the orange High Danger Zone. He or she will be given a few moments to think about what is really causing this behavior, and then required to fill out a Self-Reflection form before returning to the class activities.

**Extreme Danger Zone**
Once a student moves to the Extreme Danger Zone, I will email or call the parents to let them know what has happened, and together we will make a plan for success the following day!
It may feel like we are facing a giant mountain when we consider going back to school, but so many great people in our community have been working together this summer in order to find a way to keep us safe at school. Here are some things that will be a little different this year at Heritage due to the current pandemic.

- **Masks are now required!** Be sure to have a mask on when you arrive at school, and please bring an extra one in your backpack in case you need it. Also, masks need to be washed daily in order to be sanitary. Please practice wearing a mask before the first day in order to make sure it really fits you.

- Before school - you will need to hang out in our classroom, 6 feet apart from your friends, with a mask on at all times OR outside. Hallways will not be a gathering place.

- Meeting siblings after school - you will need to meet your brother or sister outside the school. Each class will be excused at a different time and will exit in a different way, so pick a place to meet your family outside.

- Indoor Recess - we try to minimize these, but when needed, students will have to stay in their own classroom with masks on, keeping as much distance as possible.

- Birthday treats - if you would like to share a treat with our class on your birthday, you would need to bring a **sealed** bag or box of **sealed** candy or cookies. The teacher will pass out the treats to students after sanitizing her hands. *(Did you notice the treat would be double-bagged?)*

- We could really use some hand sanitizer donations! In order to protect each other, we need to wash hands or sanitize each time we enter or exit the classroom, before selecting a book from our classroom library, and other times when we must handle shared items in our class.

- Field trips - we hope to go to the Loveland Aquarium and Stokes Nature Center this year, but we will have to keep you posted on those events.

- Flexibility - please stay tuned since things are constantly changing as we continue to receive new information. Let’s extend grace and kindness to each other as we work together this year.