

George Washington Academy

Guidelines for Entering Sixth Grade

Students entering the sixth grade at George Washington Academy should have mastered the following academic, social, and behavioral milestones before entering school.

Language Arts:

- Students should have the ability to write in cursive. All writing is to be completed in cursive.
- Students should be familiar with the parts of speech and be able to identify them. They include, but are not limited to, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositional parts, subjects, and objects.
- Students should have a basic understanding of the 4 types of sentences: declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory.
- Students should be able to write a well organized 3 paragraph essay using evident. Be able to follow the writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.
- Students should be able to read a text out loud with emphasis on word accuracy, vocal enthusiasm, and fluid speed of 120 words per minute.
- Students are expected to read at or above grade level text while applying good comprehension skills of summarizing and making inferences.

Math:

- Students should have a basic understanding of the four operations (+, -, x, /).
- Students must be able to write counting numbers legibly.
- Students should have achieved a mental mastery of multiplication facts through the 12's.
- Students must be able to complete a minimum of 20 random addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts problems in one minute with 100% accuracy.
- Students must be competent in long division and multiplication of 3 digit numbers on the top and the bottom.
- Students should be familiar with the basic units of measurement in both the Metric System (i.e. centimeters, meters, kilometers, grams, liters, etc.) and the U.S. Customary System (i.e. inches, feet, yards, miles, pounds, quarts, gallons, etc.)
- Students must have the ability to show step-by-step work on every problem legibly, neatly, and in an organized manner.

Behavior:

- Students must be able to follow class and school rules.
- Students must be able to learn attentively for 60 minute durations.
- Students must be able to follow simple 3-4 step verbal directions.
- Students must be able to work cooperatively in group situations.
- Parents should expect that students will dedicate approximately 60 minutes of homework per night in addition to 30 minutes of nightly reading.

- Art and music classes have their own academic requirements. Students will need to keep track of make-up work, project due dates etc. for these classes. Use of a planner is highly recommended.
- Students are to observe all rules and expectations of the arts teachers, showing respect for the teacher, for fellow students, and for the creative process.

Science & Technology:

- Students should have an understanding and be able to demonstrate the scientific method.
- Students should have basic computer skills, which includes know how to save work and access the Internet in an appropriate manner.
- Students should be able to type a minimum of 20 words per minute using proper keyboarding techniques.

Parental Expectations:

- Your child must be at school on time every day.
- Check the 6th Grade Website and Powerschool weekly.
- Frequently review E.D. Hirsch, Jr.'s, "What your Sixth-Grader Needs to Know" - preferably once a month.
- Communicate concerns with your child's teacher.