Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students, ![C:\Users\bpeeters\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\YRPJTOHI\MC900290673[1].wmf]()

Welcome to Little Chute Intermediate School’s sixth grade class! In an attempt to give you an overview of the upcoming school year, we have written a brief explanation of each CORE class. Also included are our expectations for grading and behaviors. We are excited about starting a new year in sixth grade and look forward to working with all of you.

**Readers/Writers Workshop**

The reading and writing classes/workshops are a part of the English Language Arts (ELA) program in sixth grade. Students will be immersed in various genres of reading that include: poetry, realistic fiction, fantasy, science fiction, mystery, historical fiction, memoirs, self-help, autobiographies, biographies, and nonfiction. They will be using reading strategies to help them get a deeper understanding of text and challenging themselves to expand their reading knowledge. Our reading lessons will carry over to the writing component, as they will be writing within the genre that they are reading! Good readers have a purpose for reading, think about what they already know, make sure they understand what they read, predict what will happen next, form pictures in their minds, draw conclusions about what they have read, and try to figure out new words. Most importantly, good readers (and writers) PRACTICE! Our students’ challenges this year are to find out what they love to read/ write about and then do it!

**Social Studies**

At Little Chute Intermediate School sixth grade social studies students continue to learn about United States History. In fifth grade they studied U.S. history from its beginning to the Civil War and Westward Movement. This year students will study U.S. history from the Industrial Revolution to the current year. Students will experience history through the use of literacy strategies, writing, video, music, art, class discussions, and projects. The purpose of this course is to expose students to historical events so that they see how our past affects their present and future lives.

**Mathematics**

The purpose of this class is to strengthen and increase mathematic skills. Students will be involved in a variety of activities, which will continuously build on the knowledge they already have, as well as introduce them to new concepts. This year students will be interacting with the grade 6 CPM program, which is linked to the common core state standards. Students will use their math strategies to create, question, explain and justify their math thinking in math groups.

**Science**

This year at Little Chute Intermediate School, students will be learning about the earth, from deep inside to what happens in the universe. Students will conduct labs and create projects based on the content studied. They will discover different ecosystems as well and find out how the earth interacts with us. Students should come ready with questions as they investigate and learn about the world in ways they never knew about.

**Grading Scale**

 A 100 – 90 B 89 – 80 C 79 – 70 D 69 – 60 F 59 - 0

**Grading Categories**

 Assessment

 Assignment

**Class Expectations**

Expect to be here every day.

 Expect to put effort into your learning.

 Expect to learn from each other.

 Expect to monitor your grades on PowerSchool regularly.

 ***Respect everything and everyone.***

**Materials for all classes**

 Agenda Book

 Folders and spiral notebooks

 Pencil/pen

(Other supplies will be subject specific.)

Each of you received an explanation about Power School and your log-in either at Open House or through the mail. Please let us know of anything we can do to assure that your child has a successful year in 6th grade. When you use Power School, it is easy to find our email links, or you can call us at 788-7607.

Again, welcome to Little Chute Intermediate School’s sixth grade!

Mrs. Gloudemans, Mr. Hietpas, Mrs. Kleist, Ms. Muenster, Mrs. Peeters