



Welcome New Year 1 Student

We hope you are looking forward to the 2024-25 school year as much as we are! It promises to be an exciting year filled with interesting field trips, celebrations, projects & learning activities.

As you know, our school is an **authorized International Baccalaureate middle school**, and as such, all students in attendance will be participating in the **IB Middle Years Programme**. You will find that ours is a **rigorous and enriching academic program** that will challenge you to **meet high expectations and prepare yourself for high school and beyond**.

We are providing you with a **general list of supplies** that you will need for your year 1 classes.

Other items may be required at a later date for specific subjects.

3 Folders - with pockets and prongs	Erasers
5 Composition notebooks (100 pages)	Glue sticks
Pens – assorted colors (at least one that is not black or blue)	No. 2 Pencils
2 - 8½ x11 (or larger) one-subject notebooks	Colored pencils
½” 3-ring binder with pockets	Supply case/pouch
Pencil sharpener (with cover)	25 clear sheet protectors (optional)
Loose-leaf notebook paper (lined & white)	Wired earbuds/headphones (NOT wireless)
3 highlighters – Yellow, Blue, and Green	Reusable water bottle

*** Agenda book – required & must be purchased at Williams in August**

Williams is a mandatory uniform school. Please review the uniform policy and information contained in this packet. NOTE: Williams PTSA will be selling Williams Spirit Gear (uniform shirts, spirit shirts, hoodie sweatshirts) at our Back-to-School Open House scheduled for August 8, 2024. Order forms for PTSA Spirit Gear are also available in the Student Affairs Office. Students are not required to wear uniform shirts sold by PTSA. Uniforms must comply with uniform policy in this packet, however.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with continued academic excellence. Please look for more information later in the summer regarding our August Orientation. You may also visit our website at <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/williams> for updates, as well as a copy of this packet if needed.

Thank you!
The Year 1 Team

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Williams Middle Magnet School
IB Middle Years Programme

Dear Students and Parents:

On behalf of the teachers and staff, let me welcome you and your family to the IB Middle Years Programme offered at Williams Middle Magnet School.

You will find our standards to be quite high. The academics are rigorous and challenging. Our school prides itself on its students' exemplary behavior, good citizenship, and outstanding performance whether it is in the classroom or in the community.

Because of our challenging curriculum, students are advised to maintain good attendance throughout the year. Likewise, healthy study habits, specifically at home, are strongly encouraged. Family involvement is welcomed. There are many opportunities for you to support our stellar program. We have opportunities such as PTSA and School Advisory Committee, Parent Booster Club for Music, or at our annual teach-in event.

Students should be prepared to work hard, make new friends, laugh and learn, and reap the benefits of attending the first authorized three-year IB Middle Years Programme in North America.

Sincerely,

Dante Jones, Head of School
Williams Middle Magnet School
IB Middle Years Programme



News to Know:

First Day of School

AUGUST 12TH, 2024

Open House – August 8th

- * Receive your schedule
- * Meet your teachers
- * Find your classrooms

Canvas

Canvas is our social learning platform where all your child's work and grades will be available!

Your participation is a key to your child's success!

Create an account:

1. Complete New Account Registration:
<https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us/public/register/>
2. Log in to Canvas:
<https://sdhc.instructure.com/login/ldap>

Williams Summer Orientation Camp

- Dates: July 23-24 from 8:00–12:00 PM
- Cost: FREE
- Register online at
<https://forms.office.com/r/3r0z5ZPaVY>

Calling all Athletes!

Extramural Sports Program

- after-school
- open to ALL grade levels
- both boys' and girls' teams
- compete against other middle schools

1st Season: Basketball; Boys & Girls

2nd Season: Volleyball: Boys & Girls

3rd Season: Track; Boys & Girls

4th Season: Soccer; Boys & Girls

5th Season: Flag Football: Boys & Girls

Eligibility requirements/student forms:

- Maintain a 2.0 academic average
- Completed **ONLINE** District sports packet (see below)
 - Your completed sports packet is valid for the entire year
- Athletic paperwork for **BASKETBALL** due ONLINE mid-late August.

ATHLETIC FORMS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE. PLEASE VISIT THE WILLIAMS DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE REQUIRED PAPERWORK:

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/domain/2320>

Guide for getting started with paper work:

[https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/cms/lib/FL50000635/Centricity/Domain/2320/Step by Step Guide to Plane t High School.pdf](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/cms/lib/FL50000635/Centricity/Domain/2320/Step%20by%20Step%20Guide%20to%20Plane%20t%20High%20School.pdf)

Stay Informed!

Williams' families can stay informed by checking the Williams Middle Magnet School website located at:
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/williams>

Get the latest Williams news on Twitter @WilliamsIBMYP and Facebook: Williams Middle Magnet School



2024-2025 Student Academic Calendar

Board Approved 9/19/23

Students' First Day of School	Monday, August 12, 2024
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
End of 1st Grading Period	Friday, October 11, 2024
Non-Student Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29, 2024
Students Return to School	Monday, December 2, 2024
End of 2nd Grading Period/1st Semester	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, December 23, 2024 - Friday, January 3, 2025
Non-Student Day	Monday, January 6, 2025
Students Return to School	Tuesday, January 7, 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day	Monday, January 20, 2025
Florida State Fair/Non-Student Day	Friday, February 14, 2025
Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Strawberry Festival/Non-Student Day	Monday, March 3, 2025
End of 3rd Grading Period	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21, 2025
Students Return to School	Monday, March 24, 2025
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 18, 2025
Memorial Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, May 26, 2025
Last Day of School End of 4th Grading Period/2nd Semester	Friday, May 30, 2025

Hurricane Day(s) if needed: October 14, November 11, November 25-27, and November 29

Student Early Release Day schedule has not been finalized. The last day of school is a 2.5-hour early release.

Williams Middle Magnet School Uniform Policy

Williams IB Middle Magnet School's uniform policy promotes a positive learning environment and contributes to school spirit and safety. The wearing of uniforms at our school is a direct result of our School Improvement Plan whereby stakeholders requested and received district approval for the school to become a **mandatory uniform school**.

The Student Uniform shall consist of the following:

Shirts Only navy collared polo shirts shall be worn. **Solid white, black, or gray undershirts may be worn underneath, but they must be tucked in.** Only the top two buttons of the polo may remain unbuttoned.

Bottoms Only khaki beige pants, mid-thigh shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, and jumpers may be worn. No jeans are allowed on any day. All pants and shorts must be worn fastened at the waistline. Pants should not drape on the ground, should not have frayed bottoms, should not have holes or be cut-offs. Pants with colored stripes or designs are not allowed.



***Note** Short shorts or mini-skirts are not acceptable by established School Board Dress Code. The correct length for any type of shorts or skirt is mid-thigh, which is half-way between the top of the leg and the top of the knee when seated. All leggings must be a solid color.



Feet **Closed toe shoes must be worn. Flip-flops, shower shoes, skate shoes, Crocs, or similar type shoes, including slippers, are not permitted.** High heels or platform shoes are not permitted.

Head Gear Hoods, hats, and bandanas are **NOT** permitted.

Outer-wear Wearing an oversized outer garment, pullover garment or long-sleeved shirt over the school uniform is **NOT acceptable. NO PULLOVER SWEATSHIRTS OR HOODED SWEATSHIRTS** (exception – Williams Middle Magnet School hooded sweatshirt). **Solid black or navy blue full zipper/buttons(top to bottom).** **Hoods are not to be worn in school.**

Logos Only official IB or Williams' logos will be allowed. Prints, plaids, stripes, or other graphic designs are not permitted on any uniform clothing.

Fridays Only on Fridays and field trips will students be permitted to wear team T-shirts or any official Williams shirt. PE shirts are not allowed to be worn other than in PE classes. Khaki bottoms shall always be worn.

Early Release Days Only on last Monday of each month will students be permitted to wear **college and university t-shirts**. **All logos shall be official logos of the college or university.** Khaki bottoms shall always be worn.

Consequences for Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

First Offense: Verbal warning to student. Student changes into loaner-shirt if available.

Second Offense: Letter or email contact with parent. Student changes into loaner-shirt if available.

Third Offense: Detention will be assigned. Student changes into loaner-shirt if available.

Fourth and Further Offenses: **A referral is written for willful disobedience.** Student changes into loaner-shirt if available. A mandatory parent conference is conducted; In-School Suspension assigned.

Any student wearing inappropriate clothing, including shoes, that violates School Board Dress Code will wait in a designated area for a change of clothing brought by a parent/guardian and be subject to the same consequences listed above for uniform violations.

**** Students are required to be in uniform before entering the Williams campus and to remain in uniform while on the Williams campus unless otherwise instructed by a teacher or supervision adult.**



**Registration Opens
Wednesday, March 20th**

HOST Summer Program

Hillsborough Out of School Time

Middle School 6th-8th Grade
June 3, 2024- August 2, 2024
Monday - Thursday 7:00am-6:00pm

\$90 Weekly
Per Student
\$30 Registration
Per Student
*Includes Breakfast, Lunch,
Snack & All Field Trips

Our Activities

STEAM, Outdoor
Activities, Indoor
Games, Vendors,
Field Trips & More

Registration



OPEN SITES
Barrington
Eisenhower
Farnell
Hill
Mulrennan
Williams

Sites Subject to Change

www.hillsboroughschools.org/host

Williams Middle Magnet School IB Middle Years Programme Summer Reading
Incoming Year 1 Students "Reading in the Sunshine"



The summer reading assignments for incoming Williams year 1 students includes a blend of required reading and optional assignments. The assignments reflect the Williams faculty commitment to the IB Student Learner Profile Traits and our desire to meet the needs of all students.

Every incoming year 1 student is required to read **one novel** (student choice) from the 2024-2025 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books Nominees List Grades 6-8. (the annotated book list is included on the following pages) **and** a second novel of their choice.

Plan ahead by ordering your books online, from your local bookstore, or reserving at your public library. Students also have free access to the books (using their student number) through Axis360 and the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative. Incoming year 1 students can access these resources through the HCPS Elementary Virtual Library www.galepages.com/doem using their log in information from their current HCPS elementary school.

Summer Reading Assignment Student Checklist

Required

- _____ Read a novel (student choice) from the 2024-25 SSYRA Book List Grades 6-8.
- _____ Read a 2nd novel (student choice)

Students should be prepared to discuss and complete an assignment related to the selected novel in language arts within the first two weeks of school.

Optional (Encouraged)

- _____ Prepare a 2D art piece or 60-second Book Trailer entry for the Williams SLAM. (Must be on a book from the 2024-2025 SSYRA list.)



Optional: Williams Middle Magnet participates in the Student Literacy and Media Showcase (SLAM). SLAM is a celebration of reading and literacy. Participation in SLAM is voluntary. Our intent is to give students a chance to READ, EXPLORE and CREATE! Students can choose to participate in SLAM by creating a 2D Creative Expression (art piece) or a Video Creative Expression (60 second book trailer). More information and guidelines can be found on the Media Center website:

williams.mysdhc.org/Resources/Media_Center.

2D CREATIVE EXPRESSION STUDENT CATEGORY

- Create 2D Art or other 2D Creative Expression for one of the current year's SSYRA (6-8) nominee books
- 2D media only. Accepted media is drawings, paintings, collage, and digital media.
- Work should be created on a standard sized sheet of paper, not to exceed 8.5" x 11".
- Entry must be appropriate for "PG" rated audiences.

VIDEO CREATIVE EXPRESSION STUDENT CATEGORY

- Make a video for one of the current year's SSYRA (6-8) nominee books. Maximum length for the video is 60 seconds.
- Video must include visuals, audio, title and author, and a book citation within the video.
- Entry must be appropriate for "PG" rated audiences.
- Must be submitted in MP4, MOV or WMV format.



****BRAG TAG BONUS**** Brag tags will be available for the 2024-2025 SSYRA books. Students can collect their tags from the Media Specialist when school returns in the Fall.

This summer packet will be available on our school website at <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/williams>



Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2023-2024 List for Grades 6-8

96 Miles by J. L. Espino

Twenty-one days without power. Two brothers on a desperate trek. Seventy-Two hours before time runs out. The Lockwood brothers are supposed to be able to survive anything. Their dad, a hardcore believer in self-reliance has stockpiled enough food and water at their isolated Nevada home to last for months. But when they are robbed of their supplies during a massive blackout while their dad was out of town, John and Stew must walk 96 miles in the stark desert sun to get help. Along the way, they're forced to question their dad's insistence on self-reliance and ask just what it is that we owe to our neighbors, to our kin, and to ourselves.



Born Behind Bars by Padma Venkatraman

Kabir has been in jail since the day he was born. His mom is serving time for a crime she didn't commit. He's never met his dad so the only family he has are their cellmates. The only place he feels the least bit free is in the classroom where his kind teacher regales him with stories of the wonders of the outside world. He escapes from an uncle that plans to sell him and runs away as fast as his legs will carry him. This is not the world Kabir dreamed of but he's discovered that he's not the type to give up. Kabir is ready to show the world that he and his mother deserve a place in it.



A Duet for Home by Karina Van Glaser

It's June's first day at Huey House, and as if losing her home weren't enough, she also can't bring her cherished viola inside. Before the accident last year, her dad saved it for money for a year to buy her viola, and she's not about to give it up now. Tyrell has been at Huey House for three years and gives June a good glimpse of the good things about living there: friendship, hot meals, and a classical musician next door. Can he and June work together to oppose the government, or will families be forced out of Huey House before they are ready?



Escape by K. R. Alexander

Westworld meets Charlie and the Chocolate Factory meets Jurassic Park as kids win a chance to enter the place of their dreams and finds that it quickly turns into a nightmare. It's all anyone talks about and it's all Cody dreams about. It's the biggest adventure park in the world, and it's more than mere rides and roller coasters. At ESCAPE, you can do anything you want, be anyone you want, and there are no adults to tell you no. Simulations turn deadly. His fantasy world glitches, and the games become races for survival.



Hush-A-Bye by Jody Lee Mott

Like most kids with younger siblings, Lucy loves her sister Antonia, but is all too frequently annoyed with her as well. The two spend most of their time together since their mother works so hard. Without friends, Lucy can't help but feel lonely. She's always tried to ignore the bullying and teasing at school about her family being poor. When the girls find the old muddy doll head in the river, Antonio claims it as her newest treasure. At night Lucy hears her talking to Hush-a-Bye and does she hear the doll talking back? Find out what happens in this creepy but exciting mystery!



Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Can five overlooked kids make one big difference? There's George: the brain. Sara: the loner. Dayana: the tough kid. Nico: the rich kid and Miguel: the athlete. They're stuck together when they're forced to complete their school's community service hours. Although they're sure they have nothing in common with one another, some people see them as all the same, just five Spanish-speaking kids. Then they meet someone who truly needs their help, and they must decide whether they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.



Linked by Gordon Korman

Linked is set in Chokecherry, Colorado, a small town where everyone knows everyone and all the students have been together since Kindergarten. There are a few new kids, one of whom is Jewish, whose parents work as paleontologists digging for dinosaur fossils in town. The small town is thrown into an uproar when a swastika is painted in the school building. Dana, Michael and Caroline are dealing with the impact of the swastikas and working to create six million paper links to represent the Jews killed in the Holocaust. Read to find out who was responsible and why!



Long Lost by Jacqueline West

A mysterious book leads a girl into a century-old supernatural mystery. When Fiona's family moves across Massachusetts to Lost Lake, a small town that's far closer to her older sisters Aden's figure skating club, Fiona resents both being uprooted and the constant focus on her accomplished sibling. Find out what happens when another set of sisters from long ago are introduced to the equation.

The Monster Missions by Laura Martin

Berkeley and her best friend, Garth, live on an old cruise ship, scavenging for supplies from drowned cities left behind on the ocean floor after the sea swallowed up all the land. They think they've seen every kind of aquatic creature, but they never expected to find sea monsters. After awakening a Hydra, Berkeley and Garth are sent to live on a submarine, where they study and hunt sea monsters. But the Hydra wants revenge on their home ship, and if it succeeds, their families will go down with it. They must find a way to save the ship! Will they succeed?



Scout is Not a Band Kid by Jade Armstrong

When Scout learns that her favorite author is doing an exclusive autograph session at the end of the year, she's determined to be there! She officially needs a plan, and when she finds out that her school's band is heading to the same location for their annual trip, an idea takes shape. Being a band kid can't be that hard, right? As it turns out, learning how to play an instrument when you can't even read music is much, much, MUCH tougher than expected. Will she be able to master the trombone, and get to her favorite author's book signing? Find out by reading *Scout is Not a Band Kid*!



Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A. F. Steadman

Mainlanders believed unicorns were only a myth. But when the islanders revealed their secret, unicorns are real, mainlanders learned "unicorns don't belong in fairy tales; they belong in nightmares." Unicorns are dangerous, bloodthirsty and immortal. They become slightly less vicious when bonded with a rider so destined children are found and trained to channel the magical creature's magic. At 13, children take the Hatching exam and those who pass may attempt to open the Hatching door on the island and find a unicorn egg. Skandar has watched years of rider/unicorn pairs competing in the Chaos Cup and dreams of joining their ranks. Will he be given the chance to make his dreams come true?



Treasure Tracks by S. A. Rodriguez

Fernando "Fin" joins his grandfather on a secret quest to find a long-lost treasure swept to sea. But when their first mission takes a near-deadly turn, leaving his abuelo weak and unable to speak, Fin's left to navigate the hunt alone. With danger lurking at every turn, Fin dives into the mission in order to save abuelo's life. If he can't succeed, will he lose abuelo for good? Find out how this story ends in *Treasure Tracks*!



Valentina Salazar is NOT a Monster Hunter by Zoraida Cordova

It takes a special person to end up in detention on the last day of school. It takes a really special person to accidentally burn down the school yard while chasing a fire-breathing chipmunk. But nothing about Valentina has ever been normal. The Salazars are protectors, tasked with rescuing the magical creatures who sometimes wander into our world, from grumpy unicorns to chipmunks to the occasional fire-breathing chipmunk. Read this book to find out what Valentina is up to next!



Wayward Creatures by Dayna Lorentz

Twelve-year-old Gabbe doesn't know where he belongs anymore. His family is caught up in their own lives and his friends barely have time for him now that they're stars on the soccer team. In a desperate plea for attention to impress his friends after school, Gabbe sets off fireworks in the wood near his house and causes a small forest fire that destroys several acres of land. In the chaos of the destruction, a coyote named Rill, tired of her family and longing for adventure, finds herself far from home. Find out how Gabbe and Rill cross paths to become friends and discover where you belong in the world.



Winnie Zeng Unleashes a Legend by Katie Zhao

Winnie Zeng has two goals: survive her first year of middle school and outdo her stuck-up archnemesis, David Zuo. It won't be easy, since, according to her older sister, middle school is the pits. Luckily Winnie studied middle school survival tactics in comic books and anime. Nothing will stop her from being the very best student. But none of Winnie's research has prepared her to face the mother of all hurdles: evil spirits. When she makes mooncakes for a class bake sale, she awakens the stuff of legends from her grandmother's old cookbook, spilling otherworldly chaos into her sleepy town. Read this book to find out what Winnie has to do to keep her town and the world from falling into chaos.



Adrift by Tanya Guerrero



Cousins Coral and Isa are so close that they're practically siblings; their mothers are sisters, and the two girls grew up on the same small island. When Coral and her parents leave on a months-long sea voyage and the islands of Indonesia, Isa is devastated that they'll be kept apart, and the two vow to write to each other no matter what. Then the unthinkable happens, and Coral's boat capsizes at sea, where her parents vanish. Washed up on a deserted island, alone and wracked by grief, she must find the strength within to survive, and find her way back home. Meanwhile, Isa is still on Petchabuli island, the only one holding out hope that her beloved cousin is still alive.

In a digital world it's hard to know what's real. Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual, and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare and leisure. This is Jess's world. But when she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them hate the 'real' world, but Jess begins to question whether the digital world is perfect after all. Back home, her sister Chloe's life-saving medication is getting ever more expensive. Determined to help, Jess risks everything by using skills forbidden in the cyber-world, only to stumble on something explosive. Something that will turn her whole world upside down. It's up to Jess to figure out exactly what is real, and what is fake – Chloe's survival depends on it.



Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros Isaac and Marco already know sixth grade is going to change their lives. But it won't change things at home—not without each other's help. This year, star basketball player Isaac plans on finally keeping up with his schoolwork. Better grades will surely stop Isaac's parents from arguing all the time. Meanwhile, straight-A Marco vows on finally winning their father's approval by earning a spot on the school's basketball team.

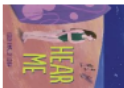
But will their friendship and support for each other be enough to keep the two boys from falling short?



The Girl in White by Lindsay Currie

Mallory hasn't quite adapted to life in her new town of Eastport yet. Maybe it's because everyone is obsessed with keeping the town's reputation as the most cursed town in the U.S. And thanks to the nightmares she's had since arriving there, she's not sleeping. Combined with the unsettling sensation of being watched, she's quickly becoming convinced Mallory hardly sleeps. Something with the unsettling encounter with the same old woman from her dreams, she knows she has to do something—but what? With Eastport gearing up to celebrate the anniversary of their first recorded legend Mallory is forced to investigate the one legend she's always secretly been afraid of... Sweet Molly.

The Girl in White by Lindsay Currie



A year after being diagnosed with hearing loss, twelve-year-old Rayne is doing her best to live a 'normal' life and act like nothing has changed. But her hearing keeps falling her. Even with hearing aids, she has trouble following conversations and hanging out with her friends the way she used to. Rayne's parents are pushing for her to get cochlear implants, which could restore her hearing—though she would hear sounds differently than she did before her hearing loss. Rayne isn't convinced the surgery for CIs is worth the risks and challenges. She begs her parents to consider other options, but they're not budging. With the surgery looming, Rayne sets off on a search for alternatives.

Hear Me by Kerry O'Malley Cerra



How to Stay Invisible by Maggie C. Rudd

Being alone is something Raymond is used to. Twelve-year-old Raymond Huley has never had a place to call home. His free-wheeling parents move their family from town to town, but one day they just up and abandon him. All alone with not much but a duffle bag full of clothes and his reliable dog, Rosie, he is forced to live in the woods behind his middle school. With his fishing pole in hand and survival guide checked out from the library, Raymond, he learns that his fate will depend not just on his wilderness skills, but on the people and animals he chooses to trust.

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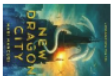
heir to the throne of the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts by Emma Lewis

The otherworld is at war. The Academy for the Unbreakable Arts trains warriors. And Kelcie Murphy—a foster child raised in the human world—is dying to attend. A place at AUJA means meeting Scathach, the legendary trainer of Celtic heroes. It means learning to fight with a sword. It means harnessing her hidden powers and—most importantly—finding out who her parents are, and why they abandoned her in Boston Harbor eight years ago.

Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts by Erika Lewis



Mystery of the Macaffre Riddle by Tamm Souder
When Gary and the dead learn that the town oddball, Eudora "Goody" Kirsch left something for them in her will, they can only imagine what it might be. When it turns out it's an old scrap of 300-year-old tapestry, they are bitterly disappointed. But the odds comes with the name saying, "This is no ordinary piece of needlework. It's a treasure map. Riddles and Clues... to the victor go the spoils." Gary's dead dismisses it, but Gary thinks he could be the chance of a lifetime. With the help of his friends, their friends, the town dog Opieles, Gary is determined to crack the clues and find the treasure. However, more at risk than being betrayed for, and after a house break in, solving this mystery just got a lot more dangerous.



New Dragon C by **Matt Mancusi**

No one predicted the dragon apocalypse. The dragons came suddenly and decimated the world as we knew it, including New York City. Three years later, Noah, its hardcore survivalist father, and a ragged group of survivors are barely scraping by in this New reality. Noah has seen the damage these creatures can do firsthand. When it comes to dragons, it's kill or be killed. But a chance encounter between Noah and a young dragon forces him to question everything he thought he knew. With rumors spreading that there's a group of survivors living in harmony with dragons instead of hiding underground, Noah teams up with his life-threatening ally to find out if peace between humans and dragons is really possible.

***New Dragon City* by Mari Mancus**



Over and Out by Jenni L. Walsh

Sophie has spent her entire life behind the Berlin Wall, guarded by land mines, towers, and attack dogs. Though she tries to avoid the secret police (Stasi), including her, when her beloved neighbor is arrested, Sophie is called to her principal's office. There, a young Stasi officer asks Sophie if she'll spy on her neighbor after she is released. Sophie doesn't want to agree, but in reality has no choice. The Stasi threaten to bring her mother, who has a disability from post-polio syndrome, to an institution if Sophie does not comply. Sophie is stuck, until she learns about family in the West. This could be what she needs to attempt to escape with her mother to freedom — if she can leave her new outfit.

Over and Out by Jenni L. Walsh



Ride On by Faith Erin Hicks

Victoria has always loved riding. But riding in competitions is high stakes, high stress, and shockingly expensive. And even though Victoria's best friend Taylor loves competing, Victoria has lost the taste for it. After a heartbreaking fight with Taylor, Victoria needs a new start—in a new stable. A place where she doesn't have to worry about anything other than riding. No competition, no drama, no friends, just horses. Epidemic Stables seems ideal. There are plenty of horses to ride, and Victoria is perfectly happy giving the other riders the cold shoulder. But can she truly be happy with no friends?

Ride On by Faith Erin Hicks



Roll for Initiative by Jaime Fournco

Riley Henderson has never taken a bus to school in her entire life. Or made an after-school snack, or finished her homework on her own, or—ewww—done her own laundry. That's what her older brother Devin was for. But now Devin's gone and Riley's stuck alone in Florida with her mom. That is, until a cool need named gals gives Riley no choice but to get over her shyness and tear of rejection and become *Thelma*. The best part is... about gals are into Dungeons & Dragons. Their party grows and with the help of her two D&D friends, Riley discovers that not only can she funden Dragons! she kind of likes it. Now she has to help her mom to her family she can take care of herself.

Roll for Initiative by Jaime Formato



The Ruby Code by Jessica Knoury

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The Supercalifragilistic Project by Gordon Korman

Oliver Zahm, spidery champion and self-declared rule-wrecker of Brightling Middle School, is not a fan of his new homeroom teacher, Mr. Adick. The guy is sort of stiff, never cracks a smile, and refers to them as "pupils." The worst part is the calculus Oliver befores he can put any of his signature pranks it's time for Oliver and his best friend, Nathan, to show the new teacher who's boss. Against all odds, Mr. Adick starts to become the most popular teacher at Brightling. Still, Oliver and Nathan know that something is fishy. They're determined to get to the bottom of the mystery: What's the deal with Mr. Adick?

The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman



A Work in Progress by Jarrett Lerner
Will is the only round kid in school full of his own. So he hides...in baggy jeans and oversized hoodies, in the back row during class, and anywhere but the cafeteria during lunch. He's got a crush on a girl named Jules who he knows he doesn't have a chance with but he can't help wondering what if? Will's best shot at attracting Jules' attention is by staying the Will Monster inside with by changing his eating habits and getting more exercise. But the results are either frustrating, slow or infuriatingly unsuccessful. As he resorts to increasingly drastic measures to transform his appearance, Will meets skateboarder Marcus, who helps him see his body and all it contains as an ever-evolving work in progress.

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What can I do to prepare for Year 1 Grade Math?

The first two units in our Year 1 Grade Math curriculum are Operations with Decimals (Unit 1) and Operations with Fractions (Unit 2). To prepare for these units, we recommend that you:

- Master basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). Flash cards are helpful!
- Know how to work with fractions. This includes converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as simplifying fractions.

There are some online resources that offer wonderful practice problems. We encourage you to continue to practice the 5th grade skills (improve understanding), and expose yourself the year 1 skills that will be taught to you. Khan Academy and IXL are wonderful resources to practice these skills.

Khan Academy: www.khanacademy.org – free!

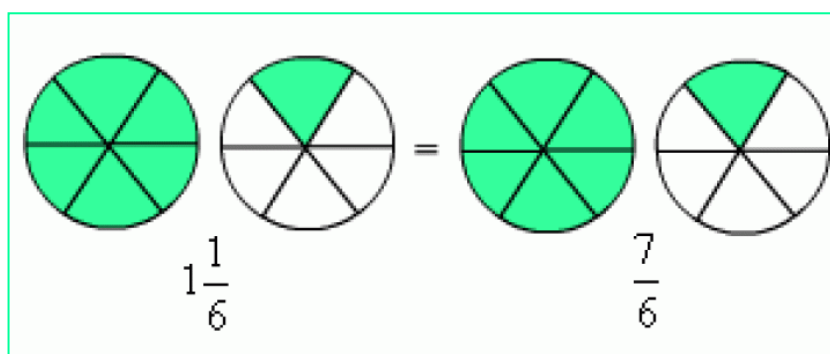
AAA Math: <http://aaamath.com> – free!

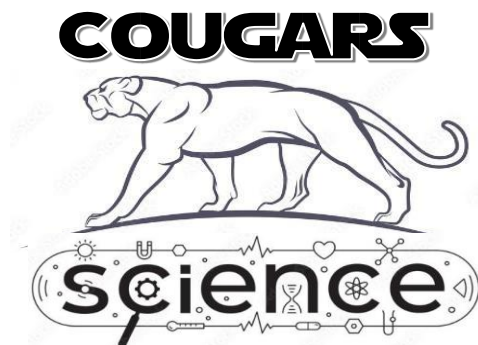
Math is Fun: <http://www.mathsisfun.com> – free!

IXL: www.IXL.com – cost to use



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Year 1 Topics	Year 2 Topics	Year 3 Topics
Earth's Spheres	Linnaean Classification	Types of Forces
Layers of the Earth	Cell Theory	Factors Influencing Non-Contact Forces
Heat Transfer through Earth System	Cells Structure and Function	Force Effects on an Object's Motion
Rock Cycle	Human Body Systems & Homeostasis	Graphing an Object Motion
Physical & Chemical Weathering, Erosion, and Deposition	Human Body Systems & Interactions (Reproductive and Immune)	Energy (Part 1)
andforms	Infectious Agents	Potential Energy
Slow & Rapid Changes to Earth	Sexual Health Education	Kinetic Energy
Plate Tectonics	Frog Dissection	Energy Transfer
Continental Drift	Heredity & Genetics	Energy Transformation
Measuring the Age of Earth	Asexual and Sexual Reproduction	Energy Waves
Human Impact	Punnett Squares and Pedigrees	Thermal Energy Flow
Sun & Earth's System	Mutations	Structure & Properties of Matter
Weather Fronts	Evolution, Natural Selection & Adaptation	Atoms
Water Cycle	Evidence of Common Ancestry	The Periodic Table
Ocean Currents	Roles & Interactions in Ecosystems	SSA Review Nature of Science
Distances and Relationships in Space	Limiting Factors	SSA Review Earth Science
Electromagnetic Spectrum	Interdependence	SSA Review Life Science
Gravity	Matter & Energy in Ecosystems	SSA Review Physical Science
Earth – Sun – Moon Systems	Carbon Cycle	FL Statewide Science Assessment (SSA)

STEM FAIR

All students in all grade levels will be responsible for completing a long-term independent research project (STEM FAIR).

PREPARE NOW by coming up with your ideas for your project!

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HOW:

- IDENTIFY 3-4 areas of interest for you
- BRAINSTORM several testable questions regarding your areas of interest (see examples).
- How can you make it easier / better / cost effective / more accessible?
- Can you model it using common items or recycled materials?
- How can you share your interest and enthusiasm for your topic with others?

WHEN:

STEM Fair Projects begin in September and are due by December 1, 2024.

By thinking of possible topic(s) and testable questions NOW, you will have a more meaningful outcome to your project! All topics will be approved by your Teacher.



WORLD LANGUAGES

Below you will find ways in which you can prepare for your upcoming Year 1 World Language class. You will find an overview of the prerequisite skills needed, major topics in each course as well as resources that will support you in preparation for your Year 1 World Language course.

Year 1 Intro to French/ Spanish (1st Semester)	Year 2 Beg. French/ Spanish (1st Semester)	Year 3 French 1/ Spanish 1 (1st Semester)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings • Numbers 0-100 • Weather • Dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Greetings • Review of Numbers 0-100 • Clothing • House • Family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Greetings / Numbers / Dates / Time/ Classroom items. • Activities/Hobbies / Likes and dislikes. • School subjects / Schedule/ Opinions about classes.
Resources for French and Spanish: Duolingo App Busuu App PBS Learning Media RockandLearn YouTube Videos		