



Westlawn ES  
Falls Church, VA  
  
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## Sixth Grade Newsletter



### The Year is Off to a Great Start!

Our first field trip was to Philadelphia. Thank you to all who chaperoned and made this trip special for our students!

The focus for this school year will be organization, independence, homework, responsibility, and class transitions. It is very important that every 6<sup>th</sup> grader comes to school every day and on time. Students will be taking two SOLs this year at the end of the school year; Reading and Math.

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade it is a requirement that students complete **5 hours of community service**. Students should volunteer in their community and an adult must sign off on their hours. 6<sup>th</sup> graders have the entire school year to complete this requirement.



### Reminders

- **Students should be reading for 30 minutes every night.** Ask your child what his/her book is about!
- There is **no school Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. This is a school planning day for teachers.



### Positivity Project

Relationships are the cornerstone of health, happiness, and resilience. The Positivity Project equips schools with the training, strategy, and resources to inspire students to build positive relationships. Grounded in extensive research, this character education model is based on 24 character strengths. This month we will focus on **Integrity, Perspective, Creativity and Bravery.**

### This Month's Highlights

#### Language Arts

6<sup>th</sup> grade is learning about strengthening literacy strategies using Fiction.

#### Social Studies

Students are learning Geography of the continents and oceans as well as the United States.

#### Math

6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about ratios and expanding their knowledge of fractions.

#### Science

Astronomy is the first unit of study in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science.

### Upcoming Events

#### Interims Go Home

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Talk to your child about how they're doing in school.

#### Student Holiday

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Westlawn Day

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-12:00PM