

Forrest Road Elementary

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Talk about the move: It's a new environment!



- Take a tour of the school
- Meet his/her teachers, if possible
- Review the route to school or the bus stop
- Go over the school handbook

ELEMENTARY VS. MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Most elementary 5th grade classes are self contained with a few changing classes 2-3 times per day.
- Classwork and projects are easier to manage.
- Elementary students may or may not have homework every night.
- Personal belongings are kept in the classroom.
- Elementary students take P.E. three times a week.



- Middle school students change classes 6-7 times per day.
- Classwork and projects take more effort to manage because of having multiple classes/teachers.
- Schoolwork is more challenging.
- Middle school students have more homework to manage from multiple teachers.
- Personal belongings are kept in lockers. Students have an allotted amount of time between classes.
- Different middle schools have different requirements for what types of book bags that are allowed.
- Middle school students take P.E. every day and must dress out.

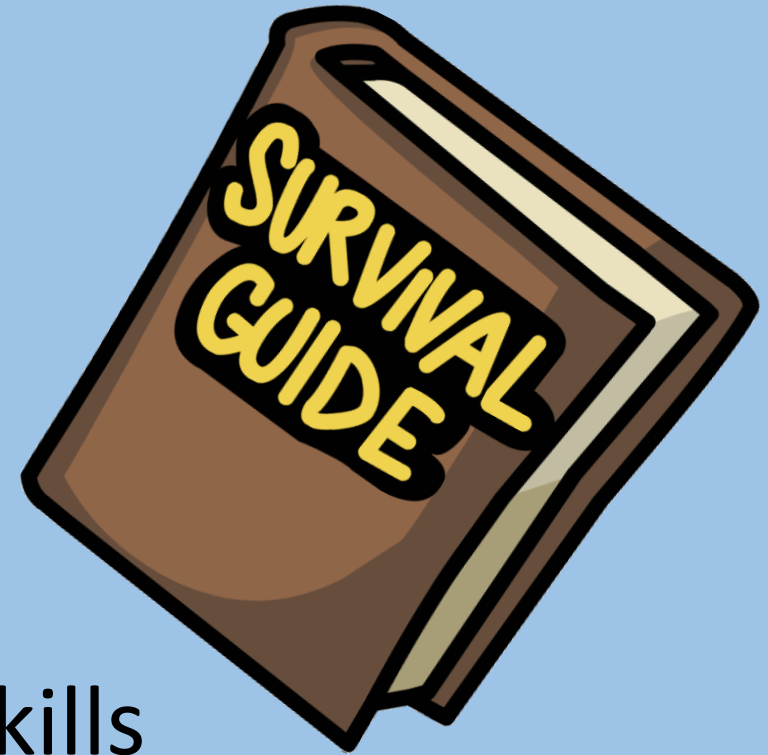


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- Students in grades 3-5 take the Georgia Milestones (GMAS). All students in grades 3-5 take the Reading and Math assessments, but 5th grade students will also take the Science and Social Studies assessments.
- Students in grades 6-8 take Georgia Milestones (GMAS). All students in grades 6-8 take the Reading and Math assessments, but 8th grade students will also take the Science and Social Studies assessments. Algebra I students will take the End of Course test for GMAS.

Prepare for academic challenges

- Expect a lot from your child
- Stay positive
- Ask about school everyday
- Help your child learn to manage time
- Learn to manage changing classes
- Teach your child good organizational skills
- Get a planner
- Check Infinite Campus Portal (Get the App)



Why is it helpful?

- Allows parents to check grades, attendance & more
- Get notifications when teachers enter grades
- Keep up with assignments that are due & late
- Students can download the app to teach them responsibility in keeping up with their own assignments



If you don't have access to your child's grades online for Infinite Campus, please check with your child's school to get access.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Supplies

Lockers

Changing Friendships

Clubs

Cell Phones

New Routines

Different People

Attendance

Sports





Learn about policies and procedures

- Conduct
- Dress Code
- Check-In/Check-Out
- Additional school specific requirements

Surrounding Middle Schools

- **East Columbus Middle School**
 - [Click here](#) to watch their video on YouTube
- **Arnold Middle School**
 - [Click here](#) to watch their video on YouTube
- **Fort Middle School**
 - 2019-2020 Fort Service Learning Magnet Academy Tribute Video (Click link below to watch video) <https://youtu.be/PGXYUarpnDI>
- **Rothschild Middle School**



Q&A SESSION



Be sure to join us on Wednesday, April 7th from 9:30 am- 10:30 am for our Q&A session. We will be giving away prizes to each child that has a parent or guardian attend!



Here is our Zoom Link:
<https://muscogee.zoom.us/j/84359966512>