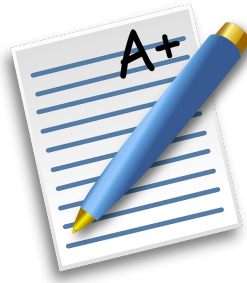


# **Welcome to Sixth Grade**



Welcome to Sixth Grade at Skinner West Elementary School. My name is Jason Willis and I am truly honored to guide our Skinner Superstars through a year of learning, fun, and success. I am excited for the opportunity to get to know you and look forward to a happy, productive experience in Sixth grade. Below you will find classroom policies/procedures that will allow our students to have the most fruitful school year to date. Teachers, parents, and students will need to work together to achieve this goal and given the reputation of Skinner parents I am sure we will succeed.

## **Teacher Background**

I am originally from Long Island, New York and have lived in Chicago for the past 9 years. I earned my undergraduate degree in elementary level general and special education from Saint Joseph's College in New York. This will be my 7th year at Skinner and I have loved the experience so far. Prior to teaching at Skinner West, I spent three years as a special education teacher on the west side of Chicago. There I taught Language Arts, Math, and Science to students in the inclusion and resource room setting. Outside of school, I spend the majority of my time with my wife and kids.

## **Homework**

Homework will be assigned regularly and students will have long and short term deadlines to manage. Homework should take 30-60 minutes per evening.

## **Rules and Expectations**

Students will be held to high standards of conduct. Our classroom community will be one of fairness and respect. During the first week of school, we will establish classroom rules, incentives, and consequences. I will actively model the expected behaviors needed for students to continue to become successful members of our classroom, our school, and our community.

## **Communication**

If you have questions/concerns, the best way to contact me is through email at [jmwillis2@cps.edu](mailto:jmwillis2@cps.edu). Please allow 24 hours for a response, though I will make every effort to respond sooner.

In closing, I am very happy to lead our Sixth Grade superstars through another amazing year. We have new challenges and possibilities ahead and we will meet them head on as a team. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
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