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Dear Future Eighth Grader,

There is a lot coming up for you next year. Not only are you completing middle school, you must be ready for high school. These eighth-grade teachers are some of the best out there, and they will help prepare you for high school as best they can. However, they won't do everything for you. You need to pay attention in class. You need to take good notes and complete your work. Also, if you don't understand something, ask and the teachers will help you.

**Corey Winegar, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

Dear student,

When entering the 5th grade I understand it's a lot of pressure. So I have a little advice for you. The first thing is to make sure to listen to your teachers. I don't care if you learned it last year or not, different teachers have different ways of doing things, and what they're doing will most likely be different than what your teacher did last year. Next, make friends. Friends are going to be useful to you. Especially when you're absent. Also when you have friends you have someone to talk to so you're never lonely. Another thing, only ask to go to the bathroom when needed. You might end up missing out on something that can really help you during tests. I'm speaking from experience. Finally, reading will be your best friend this year. Reading will help you in writing your essays. I read the Harry Potter books and I learned words that I didn't know existed. This really helped me in my essays.

Love, Lexi

**Lexi Garrico, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

If you're beginning in second grade and were in first grade last year, then I can help with second grade. At the beginning of the year, there are going to be three tests. The three tests are writing, reading, and science. After you do all three then turn them in. You will get your cursive book in the middle or end of second grade. But most importantly, listen more than you talk and study very hard. First grade, if you need help with second grade. I just gave it to you.

**Abigail Barker, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Edwards**

To the new students entering 8th grade, one thing is for sure, "You're gonna miss this, you're gonna want this back. You're gonna wish these days, hadn't gone by so fast. These are some good times, so take a good look around. You may not know it now, but you're gonna miss this." Since Covid-19 ended our prom, graduation, and just took it without asking, hopefully your year will be better. A few things to know is to never give up, always study for tests, and most of all, just have fun. Oh yeah, the teachers don't like it when there is drama going around. Remember silence is sometimes the best answer.

**Caden Presley, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

To be successful next year, you have to always do your work and listen to your teachers.

**Trevor Sandidge, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

## Write to an upcoming student about how to be successful next school year.



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I would write to Jake McClain because he is in fourth grade.

1. You want to get great grades so you can move on. 2. Behave so you do not go to ISS or OSS. 3. Listen carefully and do not talk while the teacher is talking. 4. Use your time wisely and do not rush on your tests. 5. Do not fight over little things that don't have anything to do with class.

**Israyel Noble, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

Dear 8th grade student,

You are now an 8th grade student! Congrats! Here are some tips to get through the last year of middle school. Always get your work done as soon as possible, and make sure to analyze all your work. Stay on the teachers' good side, and refrain from hanging out with a bad crowd. Finally, do your absolute possible best and make some everlasting memories. Good luck!

**Anjela Mowell, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

Dear first grader or person entering second grade, This how to be a successful second grader. First, you always need to listen always. If you don't listen you won't learn and you need to learn to get smarter and learn how to do new things. Second, never talk over the teacher because she might have something important to say. Never talk over the microphone for the same reason. Third, never talk to friends while learning because you won't learn as good and you need to learn for the next grade. Fourth, always try your best. Never don't try. Fifth, try not to lose a raccoon.

**Ella Booher, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Chariton**

If you had to write a letter to a student who is entering the grade you're completing, and explain how to be successful what would you say? I would say study, listen in class, and work hard. Study every night, it might be hard but it's worth it. Second, listen in class, you might get bored but if you don't listen you will fail. Finally, you have to work hard. If you work hard you get done faster and do better. As you can see, if you study, listen in class, and work hard you will do well. I did well doing all those things. I hope you listen to me and pass.

**Gollin Wood, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

Dear 1st grader,

First, I want to say welcome to 2nd grade next year. To be a good 2nd grade student you should pay attention, have fun, and listen when your teacher or classmates are talking. Ask for help if you need it. Come to school every day and try your best to make good grades. Do all of your homework and study for all your tests. I hope this letter helps you enter 2nd grade.

Your friend, Deaven

**Deaven Lawson, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Edwards**

To any student entering eighth grade:

I entered eighth grade with expectations and plans for the school year. Eighth grade was going to be my year, I just knew it! Leaving eighth grade, however, I never would have guessed that the things I learned this year were more important than any plans I ever had. So as I write this to future eighth graders, I feel like I'm writing it to myself about the things I wish I knew. First, stepping out of your comfort zone isn't a bad thing. I was faced with many leadership roles this past year, some of which I enjoyed and some of which were uncomfortable. Looking back, though, I'm glad I took the opportunities that were given to me. Try new sports and clubs, reach out to new people, read some new books. That being said, do what makes you happy. Secondly, in order to be happy, you have to be happy about who you are. Stop trying to please everyone because, in the end, the only person you need to please is yourself. Your happiness matters, and until you have a little self-love, you'll never be truly happy. Finally, the people you do things with are more important than the things you do. Real, genuine friends are everything. I've been so blessed to have the amazing people in my life that I do. You have to have people you can trust and rely on. Stop trying to block people out because they might just change your life. You're going to get hurt, but you'll heal, and you're true friends will be there for you. All in all, future eighth grader, eighth grade is what you make of it, so make it amazing.

**Molly Wilson, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

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