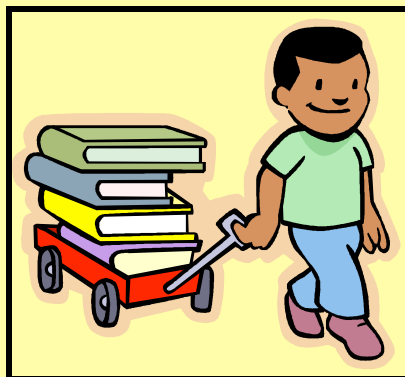


## Transitioning to Middle School

It is both scary and exciting for students when they are about to enter middle school. Most of their fear is made up of the unknown and compounded by horror stories they hear from others. It is important that students get a clear picture of what middle school is like before they begin. Here are a few tips to help out:

- ☑ Make sure that you and your child attend events designed to introduce them to the school. (Meet the principal night, Step-up day, etc.)
- ☑ Talk about any fears or concerns that they may have.
- ☑ DO NOT tell them any "horror stories" that may have happened to you or someone you know.
- ☑ Have your child talk to older siblings, friends, or neighbors about their middle school experiences.
- ☑ When your child gets his or her schedule in August, make sure he/she is comfortable getting from class to class. (On meet the principal night, we allow the parents to walk through the school and help students find their rooms.)
- ☑ Check out some of the websites below, and feel free to call your middle school counselor with any questions! (Sue Large- ext. 3521)



<http://www.nea.org/teachexperience/msk030408.html>

<http://www.schwablearning.org/articles.aspx?r=1106>

<http://www.nmsa.org/publications/webexclusive/helpfulhints/tabid/649/default.aspx>

<http://content.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=84>