



WEB, which stands for “Where Everybody Belongs” is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes new students and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from our Morrill 8th grade class to be WEB leaders. Twice each month, our bell schedule is modified to create advisory/homerooms that last 45 minutes and allow WEB leaders to mentor and guide

the sixth graders in advisory class to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate sixth grade success. 7th and 8th grade advisory classes during this time will have a variety of activities from which to explore including study center, socio-emotional lesson development, and physical activity.

More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in middle school, their chances for success increase dramatically. WEB provides the structure for sixth graders to receive support and guidance from eighth graders who have been through the challenges that middle school poses and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.

Our yearlong Morrill WEB program has several components that contribute our 6th graders success:

- Middle School Orientation - WEB leaders and sixth graders start building the mentor relationship and receive information about how to be successful in middle school
- Academic Follow Ups - WEB leaders support sixth grade academic success and character development through classroom visits
- Social-emotional development - WEB leaders support brainstorming and problem-solving for every-day middle school scenarios for incoming 6th graders throughout the school year.

Through our WEB program, our new students learn that people at school care about them and their success.