

# R.H. BROWN TIMES

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## FOURTH GRADERS! READ ALL ABOUT IT! LEARN EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL!

### The New World of Lockers

By Taylor

Do you think that you know everything about 5<sup>th</sup> grade lockers? You'll need to know that there are 4 sections of lockers, how long it will take you to do the combo, how hard it is, and last what you can put in you're locker.

If you don't know where your locker is than you can't put your backpack away or anything else. Out of all the areas of lockers you want the area near the lunchroom because it is close to the exit so you can make a fast getaway. There are also the wing lockers. Although they are small and cramped they are close to a lot of classes. If you have a instrument you don't have to lug it around school because the band rooms are really close to the lockers.

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade you get you best lockers ever! They're the best lockers because they're bigger. All of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade lockers are there so you can talk to your



The lockers at Dr. R.H. Brown Middle School

friends after school.

At first it is hard to open your locker and it will take a lot of time to get the hang of opening it. In order to get your locker open you must turn the knob 3 times to the right and put the knob on your first number, then you must turn the knob twice to the left and put your 2<sup>nd</sup> number on the mark. Then all you have to do is turn the knob right to your final number. It will take a lot of practice but eventually you'll get the hang of it.

Did you know that lockers are one of the best things about school here? Well it is very great because you can store many things in your locker like text books or your binder at lunch. Let me explain

what you can put in your locker. They're magnetic, they inform you, sometimes they're even funny. They're magnets! If your going to put magnetic items in your locker you might want to put pictures of family or friends in there. You can put toys in your locker like tech deck dudes. You have to make sure that they are appropriate for school because it is a school rule.

Well now you know how to handle your locker and where they're located, how to open your locker, and what you can put in there. Welcome to the new world of lockers!

## SUPER STUDY HALL BY ABBY & ANITA

Do you like breaks from your teachers? Well then study hall is just for you! 9 out of 10 kids said they liked study hall! In study hall you can do many things, but the teachers have rules.

If you have homework, you are welcome to do it in study hall. You can go to the library

if you don't have any homework, or if you just want to check out a book. You can also use the computer. Only two people are allowed to go per study hall.

As much as study hall is fun, there are rules to follow. Don't fool around with your friends. Remember they are

trying to do homework, too. You should pick a good seat. You want to make sure you are sitting next to someone you can study with, not someone you will socialize with.

Next year, remember all of the things you can do in study hall. It's a great time to get your homework done!

LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE IN EL CLASS D'ESPANGNOL  
BY EMILIE

Hola chicos y chicas! Do you know what this means? If not, you will learn it at Brown School. In fifth grade you will take this class, so let me explain to you about the supplies you will need, what you learn in class and the super fun ac-

tivities ,too!  
Did you know that you will need supplies for Spanish? You should always bring the notebook that the teacher gives you as well as your colorful nametag. Good news! You will get to give yourself a new Spanish name and write it on your nametag. You need to write your new Spanish name in your notebook and on assignments.

language, but what about the culture and holidays? Don't worry, you will learn about these topics in Spanish class, too!

Hey! You will have loads of fun, too! With all the activities, you will have a lot of fun, trust me! You'll play Spanish bingo! You'll also get introduced to Muzzy. He's a creative character that helps you learn Spanish

Now that you know all about Spanish, are you excited to come to Brown School?



Spanish teacher, Mrs. Benedetto, with Emilie and Brandon

Have you ever thought that the language and the culture is different in other countries? You will learn the Spanish

MAGICAL MUSIC IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!

BY ERIN AND CASSIE

Beautiful music being played for a crowd, spotlights shining on you, sitting on a huge stage with about 150 of your classmates. Do you like the sound of that? Well, if you do, you should join the Brown school band, orchestra or chorus.

You'll be excited to learn that you study different types of music. Get ready to dance and sing to fun rodeo music in chorus. Grab a partner and swing! Do you like the sound of classical music? Or, perhaps country music is for you. Well then, you should take

orchestra and learn fast fiddling. Marching music is always great in band. To follow marching music get ready to play songs like Stars and Stripes Forever!

So, you want to understand how to play better? In your music classes you will learn a lot.

You will learn to play more notes. You also learn how to play notes faster and how to move your fingers faster. In orchestra you learn to fiddle fast and move your fingers to the right notes. In band you learn to blow louder and

softer and play more songs. In chorus you not only learn new songs, but new dances too! You swing in circles and hop down the line. There's a lot to look forward to if you are in any of these classes.

You will have a blast coming to Brown next year. You will learn fun, catchy music in all of your music classes and you will learn how to play better! The toughest part is choosing what class to take!

*"This is the best library you will ever go to!" says Brown School Librarian, Mrs.Heimer*

BROWN SCHOOL'S LOVELY LIBRARY! BY ABBY & ANITA

"This is the best library you will ever go to!" says librarian Mrs. Heimer. In the library there are many things to do. There is a stand called Mrs. Heimer's Picks with many interesting books. She also has a class where you learn about the library.

Have you ever wondered about the many things you can do at the library? It is open 6 periods, five days a week for research and reading. You can go during study hall and you can take out three books at a time. You can check out the books your-

self if no one is there. Another fun thing to do at the library is using the computers. You can use them for homework, projects, research, and sometimes just for fun!

If you cannot find a good book to check out, there is a stand in the library called, Mrs. Heimer's Picks. On the stand she has books that surely students will enjoy; two of the books that are on the stand now are The Divide and Back to the Divide. There is also a huge collection of Harry Potter books in many languages!

Mrs. Heimer's class is fantastic! In class you learn about different genres such as fairy tales, fantasies, and myths. Research skills are taught using reference materials. Reference materials are dictionaries, thesaurus, encyclopedias and more. The publishing industry is very fun to lean about. It's how books are published. The history of literature is fun when learning how people of different cultures have told stories.

So now that you know all about our lovely library, we hope you look forward to coming to Brown.

# INSIDE STORY: AN INTERVIEW WITH BROWN STUDENTS!

BY MELODY

Before I came to this school, I had a lot of questions! You might have some of the same questions, so here are some common questions and answers from real fifth grade students!

Q: What does the school look like?

A: It is big and has white walls. It also has a lot of stairs and ramps because it has three levels.

Q: Is it hard to move from class to class?

A: No. Once you are in the school for a couple of weeks, it is really easy. If you ever can't find a class, you can ask a teacher or student. The office has a map of the school, too.

Q: Is it so big that I will get lost?

A: No. If you carry a map for the first few days, you will quickly learn your way around.

Q: Do you get lockers?

A: YES! The best part is decorating your own locker.

Q: Where is study hall?

A: The study hall is not a hall. You go to a classroom that is on your schedule.

Q: What do you do in study hall?

A: You can do your homework, study, or read.

Q: Are their bullies?

A: I've never encountered one, but there are strict rules for bullies at Brown. They can get detention or suspension.

Q: Is the food better than elementary school?

A: Yes. They make puffy pizza and pizza rolls, chicken nuggets, and more. Also, for a dollar you can buy a warm, soft cookie, or a chewy pretzel and snap-ple.



A core classroom at Brown

## LUNCHTIME AT BROWN BY MATT

Lunch is a time to hang with friends, sit wherever you want and eat a yummy meal! For fifth graders, our lunch is from 11:36-12:01 and lunch is delicious! The menu is kind of like yours: Monday is chicken nuggets, Wednesday is pasta, and Friday is pizza. Don't forget to try the cookies!



Brown School Cafeteria

*"Lunch is a time to hang with friends, sit wherever you want and eat yummy food!"*

## CURIOUS ABOUT CORE? BY BRANDON

4<sup>th</sup> graders, are you wondering what the core classes are next year? They're math, language arts, social studies, and science.

Let me fill you in on science class. We do fascinating projects such as the motor project and the pirate ship lab. Light & sound are two of the delightful subjects we study. Also during the animal subject, we go on a field trip to the Bronx Zoo.

It's true that lan-

guage arts is really fun. We read great books such as Because of Winn-Dixie and the Secret School. We do exciting quick writes about pictures. You write pieces on topics like ways kids can earn money and designing your own room.

In social studies we study American history. The Civil War and the Oregon Trail are some of the events we study. We also study Lewis and Clark. This is a very entertaining subject because we do fun

projects like making game boards and going to the computer lab.

Math class is very satisfying. We learn division and long division but don't worry; we also review what we have already learned. This is an interesting subject because we learn so much every day. We also do fun things like using tangrams and geoboards. We also use pentominoes.

Now that you know about this school, do you want to come? Have fun in your classes.

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Insert Map of Brown School

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS AT BROWN

BY BRADLEY

Did you know that there are over 100 kids that play intramural sports at Brown Middle School? There are three seasons to do intramural sports: fall, winter, and spring.

Fall is the first season of the school year and the first chance to try out an intramural sport. Ultimate Frisbee is like two hand touch football. Once the person gets the frisbee, they must throw it. The frisbee can be intercepted and then turned over to the other team. If they catch it in the end zone it is a touchdown. Another fun fall sport is soccer. In soccer, you warm up by playing mini-games. Cross country is a sport of running. You get to run three to five miles and you get to go through the woods.

It is true that winter in New



**Playing volleyball in the Brown School gymnasium**

England can be cold and snowy, so winter intramural sports are played inside. In intramural basketball for boys and girls, you play knock-out, dribble until the ball goes out of bounds, and you play some team games. In cheerleading you use pom-poms, learn dance moves and jumps.

Volleyball is played between two teams. You learn to serve, spike and set the volleyball.

Since spring begins to warm-up, intramural sports are taken outdoors! Flag football is played like regular football, except instead of tackling, flags are used to stop a play. Baseball and softball are similar, but the balls used are very different. In baseball a hard, smaller ball is used and in softball a larger, softer ball is used. Softball is pitched

underhanded and in baseball the ball is pitched overhanded. If you did not do cross country in the fall, don't worry because you can try it in the spring.

Experts agree that participating in intramural sports will improve your game, help keep you fit and most importantly will be fun!