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In the Middle: An insider look at middle school

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Well, this is middle school. Today we are going to talk about the life of a Middle schooler! (It's not as hard as you think. The more we get into the school year, the better it gets.)

I remember walking in on the first day; I felt light — like I had a new start. It was a really nice feeling! But I also had this feeling like all eyes were on me. It makes it worse that you have to find your own classroom. It's a big space, with new people and different faces.

Problem one: I could not open my locker. Let me tell you, the first time you end up walking in those doors, the locker is the worst part.

Problem two: The first time I went to my classes, I didn't know anyone. I had no one! Then around lunchtime, I sat down and made some friends. Now that I have friends, I feel welcome. I hope I made good impressions!

Problem three: Getting to your classes on time. In middle school you don't have time to waste, and this takes a while to learn. Time is important and you have to make sure you use it wisely.

The teachers at Krueger probably knew I was scared week one, but they made me feel welcome. The teachers are only how you see them, and I see mine as helpful, nice, sweet, and maybe strict, too. Thanks to them you actually feel... smart.

Yes, somehow we all survived week one of middle school, and everything that followed has been pretty amazing.

It's not as hard as it seems, including getting good grades. The reason some students say it's hard is that they make it hard. A lot of kids put pressure on themselves, and that's not good for your health. You have to keep up with your work, but take it one step at a time.

Before long, the new experiences in middle school help you feel more confident and mature. There are always bumps, but who gets to their destination without some bumpy roads? In a lot of ways, in middle school you are your own teacher with all these life lessons. You have to be mature and you can't let yourself fall, neither you nor your grades. It matters, and it makes you who you are.

To all the younger kids out there: Whether you thought elementary school was fun or hard... just wait 'til you get to middle school!

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