

June 16, 2016

Dear Families,

Happy Summer! We hope your child had a wonderful and productive year in grade five! We, the sixth grade team, would like to share some exciting information about how we will be switching next year.

As you know, this group of students is smaller than others, and therefore, there will only be three homeroom classes. We have changed our usual switching structure due to these numbers, and we will be moving more towards a middle school model.

Your child will have the opportunity to interact with all three sixth grade teachers next year. Mrs. DeTolla will provide instruction in math, Mrs. Hayman will be in charge of science and social studies, and Mrs. LaPan will instruct reading. Your child's homeroom teacher will be responsible for the teaching of writing. Mrs. Sullivan will continue to be the special educator for her current group of students and will provide her instruction in the same manner as she did this past year.

We look forward to working with all the 2016-2017 sixth grade students! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher, which will be on the back of the final progress report.

Enjoy your time with friends and family,

Mrs. Kathy DeTolla

Mrs. Meg Hayman

Mrs. Melissa LaPan

Ms. Paula Sullivan

****The sixth grade supply list is on the back of this letter.****

Required Classroom Materials:

- * pencils and erasers - an *abundant supply* of pencils will be needed throughout the year (Students will need to have two pencils for class each day.) *No erasable pens.*
- * thick and thin colored markers, colored pencils, and crayons (Crayola seems to last the longest)
- * thin black sharpies
- * THREE 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " three-ring binders (preferably in 4 different colors)
- * a folder that can be used for home learning papers (plastic folders work well and are less likely to rip and/or tear)
- * highlighters
- * **\$3.00 for an assignment book**

Required Summer Reading:

The sixth grade teachers require that each student reads a novel (chapter book) at their "just right" ability level. Students will receive questions regarding their book in their report card envelope. Mrs. Doten will also have copies available in the office and they will also be posted on Mrs. LaPan's web site (go to www.interlakes.org/ilmt and click on Teacher Web Pages.) Students need to come to 6th grade with the questions answered in complete, thoughtful sentences. It can be handwritten or typed. They will be sharing this information the first week of school in reading class. This is a *mandatory* assignment.

Math:

If your child has not mastered his/her math facts, especially multiplication or division facts, please take time this summer to help your child memorize their math tables 1-12. Your child will need your assistance to memorize or review. Thank you in advance for your support and time!