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"Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of This Place"

Summer 2016

Dear Sixth Grader,

Welcome to the Indigo Team! We hope that you are having a relaxing summer and getting excited about your first experience as a middle school student. As your teachers, we are so eager to meet you and help you have a great first year at Tenafly Middle School.

Here's just a sampling of what you can look forward to in sixth grade:

- What is matter and how does it behave? How is energy transferred throughout our world? What are the laws of the universe? Explore the basics of physics and chemistry by doing experiments, gathering data, and thinking like a scientist. Welcome to **Physical Science!**
- Welcome, readers, writers, thinkers, vocabulary builders, and grammarians! This year in **Language Arts**, you will be all that and more as we focus on reading more closely and writing more clearly, on exploring a range of genres, on growing and sharing ideas about literature, on continuing to develop your unique writing voice, and on having fun with puns!
- Welcome to 6th grade **Mathematics**, where you will strengthen your concrete numeric skills for the first half of the year and then be introduced to abstract concepts, the beginnings of pre-algebra, during the second half of the school year. In our class we use *blended learning*, which combines traditional teaching with the use of technology, such as the flipped classroom, text message reminders through Remind.com, online homework, and game-based learning. It's going to be a fun year!
- Is climate change a myth or reality? Should we invest in alternative sources of energy? Is the population explosion problematic to our modern world? **Social Studies** class will explore these questions and more, as it is designed to teach you key concepts and skills in the field of geography. We will also focus on the history, economics, and culture of the United States and its neighbors. Most importantly, you will discover how the discipline of social studies helps us understand today's world and the people who live in it! Pack your "school" bags and get ready to travel around the world with me!

For your convenience, we have included a supply list on the TMS homepage. Please **label all materials** with your name, homeroom and team color.

You and your teammates will be meeting for the first day of school on **September 6**. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we will see you on opening day!

Sincerely,

Grade 6 Indigo Team

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Mrs. Mach, Science
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