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Summer 2017

Dear Sixth Grader,

Welcome to the Navy team! We hope you are enjoying your summer and are excited about your first experience as a middle school student. We are eager to meet you and assist you with your transition to sixth grade.

Here is what to look forward to in sixth grade:

- In 6th grade **mathematics**, 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 is going to be a fun year!
- The physical world will be the focus of 6th grade **science**. You will start by learning how to observe, measure, record and analyze data. As the year progresses, you will be introduced to topics in chemistry and physics. Get ready for Balloon Racing and Engineering Week, two highlights of our year.
- "Words have always swirled around me like snowflakes – each one delicate and different, each one melting untouched in my hands. Deep within me, words pile up in huge drifts." Any clue as to where this is from? In 6th grade **Language Arts**, you will learn the power of words as you delve into undiscovered books, explore new ideas, and build your own writing. You will work together with your peers to unfold the voices of great authors and will uncover the importance of finding your own. Get ready to start writing about reading!
- How did Christopher Columbus contribute to the creation of the Boston Celtics basketball team? Turn to the potato for your answer. Sixth grade **Social Studies** will reveal the answer!

Please check the TMS website for the 6th grade supply list. Please label all materials with your **name, homeroom # and 6 Navy**.

You and your teammates will be meeting for the first day of school on **Tuesday, September 5th**. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you on opening day!

Sincerely,

Grade 6 Navy Team

Mr. Eliscu, Study Skills

Mr. Frare, Science

Miss Yi, Language Arts

Miss Newman, Mathematics

Miss Preolo, Social Studies *Team Leader*

Ms. Rossi, Guidance Counselor

Ms. Kinoian, Ms. Kenny, Ms. Meehan, Ms. Sleece and Ms. Trombetta - Literacy Teachers