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Summer 2016

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's 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's 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.
- In **language arts**, you will discover new books, explore new ideas, boost your vocabulary in fun ways and find your unique writing "voice."
- 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 team color**.

You and your teammates will be meeting for the first day of school on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll see you on opening day!

Sincerely,

**Grade 6 "Navy" Team**

Miss Preolo, Social Studies (Team Leader)  
Miss Newman, Mathematics  
Miss Yi, Language Arts  
Mr. Frare, Science  
Mr. Eliscu, Resource Study Skills  
Mrs. Zerling, Guidance Counselor