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

Summer 2017

Dear Sixth Grader,

Welcome to Team White! We hope you are enjoying your summer and are excited about being a middle school student. We are eager to meet you and help you make a smooth transition to sixth grade.

Here's what you can look forward to in sixth grade:

- Step into **social studies**, where we will travel the world learning about geography, culture, economics, and everything in between!
- In **mathematics** you will learn algebraic concepts and strengthen your numeric understanding. 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 Remind101, online homework and game-based learning. It is going to be a fun year!
- The physical world will be the focus of sixth grade **science**. You will start by learning about and using the scientific method. As the year progresses, you will be introduced to topics in chemistry and physics. The year culminates in a week of fun engineering challenges.
- With a focus on independent reading books that you get to choose, **literacy** class will give you the opportunity to read what you want to read! You will also learn reading strategies and reading skills to help you become a better, stronger reader who is more equipped to tackle and understand challenging texts that you may encounter elsewhere.
- In **language arts** you will discover and read many genres of literature, explore new ideas, boost your vocabulary, and find your unique writing "voice."

Please check the TMS website for the 6th grade supply list, and 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 Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we'll see you on opening day!

Sincerely,

Team 6 White Teachers

Mrs. Cariddi, Mathematics
Mrs. Crawford, Study Skills
Ms. Danielle Katz, Social Studies
Ms. Kinoian, Language Arts
Ms. McCormack Kagy, Science
Ms. Lisa Rossi, Guidance Counselor
Ms. Kathryn Suter, ELL *Team Leader*
Ms. Kinoian, Ms. Kenny, Ms. Meehan, Ms. Sleece and Ms. Trombetta - Literacy Teachers