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Summer 2016

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, game-based learning, and BYOD (bring your own device) opportunities. It's 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.
- **Literacy** will give you opportunities to read challenging new texts and strategies to help you understand them. If you are already a strong reader, you will get even stronger! If reading is something that is difficult for you, you will make great progress.
- In **language arts** you will discover new books, explore new ideas, boost your vocabulary in great ways, and find your unique writing "voice." We will read two books as a class—Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac and The Cage by Ruth Minsky Sender--but mostly you will be reading independently, choosing the books that you like and that challenge you!

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 6, 2016**. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we'll see you on opening day!

Sincerely,

Team 6 White Teachers

Mrs. Suzanne Cariddi, Mathematics
Mrs. Amanda Crawford, Resource Study Skills
Ms. Kathy McCormack Kagy, Science
Ms. Danielle Katz, Social Studies
Ms. Lucine Kinoian, Language Arts/Literacy
Ms. Kathryn Suter, ELL (Team Leader)
Mrs. Ellie Zerling, Counselor