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**A Community of Caring and Excellence**  
*"Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of This Place"*

Summer 2016

Dear Seventh Grader,

Welcome to Team 7 Blue! We hope your summer has been fun and relaxing. We are looking forward to beginning the new school year with you on our team.

The 7 Blue team includes:

**Ms. O'Brien**, Special Education and Team Leader  
**Ms. Honschke**, Special Education  
**Mr. Lee**, Math  
**Mrs. Solis**, Science  
**Mr. Jensen**, Social Studies  
**Mrs. Miller**, Language Arts  
**Miss Rusek**, Guidance Counselor

Last year, in 6th grade, you learned many skills and strategies to help you be a successful student. This year, you are expected to put these skills and strategies to work. Although these may seem obvious, here are a few basics that are important for your seventh grade success:

- Hand in your work on time
- Be prepared with necessary materials for each class
- Use your planner at school and at home daily
- Follow up with your teachers when you have been absent

Good "studentship" skills are also important for your success. You must listen carefully, follow directions, participate in class and work equally with group members. Be respectful to your teachers, your classmates and yourself.

Use your locker. Figure out, early in the year, when you are going to stop at your locker and change books. Do not carry all of your books all day.

If you need help, have a question or are having trouble with any assignment, please see one of your teachers. We don't expect you to be perfect. Think, wonder and put effort into the quality of your work. Keep an open mind. Enjoy the challenges of seventh grade!

Enjoy the summer! Sincerely,

Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Solis, Mr. Jensen, Mrs. Miller, Miss Rusek

***P.S. – A Note to Parents***

Some struggles and challenges are a part of growth and are to be expected. If you see your child struggling, encourage him or her to talk to the appropriate teacher first. We want to foster problem-solving and Independence in our evolving seventh graders. However, if the trouble persists or you feel you can give us important insight about the issue, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our email addresses can be found under the staff directory on our website: [www.ms.tenafly.nj.us](http://www.ms.tenafly.nj.us) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office: (201) 816-4900.