



WEBER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Sixth Grade Parents:

Welcome to Weber Middle School and the Yellow House Sixth Grade! Whether you are a first time Weber parent or a veteran, we want to assure you that this will be a wonderful and rewarding year for your child. Working together, we can make it happen!

We understand that parents of incoming sixth graders are often concerned about the transition to the middle school and their child's experience. Please be reassured that an extensive support structure, including core teachers, encore teachers, administrators and guidance counselors, has been established to ensure the wellbeing of your child. There will be many opportunities for your child to meet new people and begin new friendships. The balance between academics, sports, clubs and social activities will be a delicate one, but is necessary to achieve. We are looking forward to helping your child have a successful first year in middle school. We will work hard this year to nurture, as well as educate your child. However, it is important for you to know that you are the most important person in your child's life. You are able to motivate, stimulate and ensure your child's success better than anyone else. For your child to achieve the highest level possible this year, we will need to work together.

Homework is an important part of our curriculum and it requires teamwork between the student, parents and teachers. Homework is used to practice and review a day's lesson, to assess students' learning and to serve as a jumping off point for the next day's lesson. It helps to reinforce good study habits and develop student responsibility. A great way to show your support and to monitor your child's work is to check the agenda/planner. This will give you a good idea of what is expected of your child on a daily basis. By showing an interest and providing positive reinforcement when homework is completed with quality and consistency, your child will respect the process and meet it with success.

An area of concern to parents is discipline. The development of a disciplined middle schooler also requires excellent teamwork. We emphasize the importance of appropriate classroom behavior on a daily basis and we ask that you support the rules of the classroom and school. In middle school, students learn to make responsible decisions on their own, fostering a strong sense of independence. We do everything possible to help your child make good choices. We will support and praise his or her success. In adolescence, even the slightest problem can interfere with learning; however, if we are aware of it, we may be able to help. You may contact us through the house office or the guidance office.

It is very important for your child to realize that we are all concerned with his/her success in school and working together can only ensure a great year! We eagerly await your child's arrival at Weber and hope to meet you at Open House Night on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Yellow House

Ms. Silvestri/Mrs. Cavallo

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Silvestri/Cavallo Supply List for 2009/2010

General Supplies:

- (1) Glue Stick
- Markers **or** colored pencils **or** crayons
- Pens (blk or blue)/pencils
- An eraser and covered pencil sharpener
- Pkg. loose-leaf paper
- Pkg. graph paper
- (1) pkg. 3x5 index cards
- (1) box of tissues
- (1) roll of paper towel

Specific for Core courses

- (1) black and white marble notebook for ELA
- (2) 5 subject notebooks with pockets
- (2) folders for Math and Science (to be kept at home)

*****While you are shopping for your child's school supplies, if you are able, please consider picking up an additional supply for a student who is less fortunate. These supplies may be dropped off in the guidance office in the designated boxes. Thank you so much for your care and concern of others.***