

THE 6TH GRADE BLUE TEAM

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Welcome to Weber Middle School! In order to prepare you for your child's middle school experience, we want to share a few thoughts which we feel will help us work together to ensure your child's success this year.

We understand that parents of incoming sixth graders are often concerned about the transition to the middle school. Please be reassured that an extensive support structure including core teachers, encore teachers and guidance counselors, has been established to ensure the well being of every student. There will be many opportunities for your child to meet new people and begin new friendships. The balance among 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 at 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. Research has suggested that even the best schools, the best teachers and the best administrators are not as important to a child's achievement in school as a parent. For your child to achieve the highest level possible this year, we will need to work together.

Two areas that are often of great concern to parents are homework and discipline. These are also areas that require excellent teamwork. Homework is an important part of our curriculum as it is used to review the day's lesson, to assess students' learning and to serve as a jumping off point for the next day's lesson. We also assign homework to foster responsibility and good study habits. We stress the importance of homework daily, but students will not take it seriously unless you support them and the work they are doing. A great way to show your support and to monitor your child's work is to check the weekly calendar as well as daily assignments in the student agenda. 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.

Similarly, we emphasize the importance of appropriate classroom behavior on a daily basis. We will help your child to make good choices and will support and praise his or her success. However, if we feel there is a problem and we need your support, we will not hesitate to contact you. Your support in these matters will ensure the maintenance of a safe, comfortable learning environment.

We are confident that if we work together, your child will have a great year. Enjoy the rest of the summer. We look forward to your child's arrival at Weber and hope to see you at Open School Night on September 30, 2009.

Sincerely,
The Sixth Grade Blue Team
Tricia McCarthy/Ruth Robles-Claudio

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Dear 6th Grader,

We hope that you have had a good summer, and we are looking forward to a productive and happy school year. We are very much looking forward to meeting with you and the other members of our team on the first day of school. We believe that it is very important that students come to school prepared each day. In order for you to be prepared, it is important that you have the following supplies:

Math/Science

- Three 100 pg. composition notebooks
- Accordion folder (minimum of 8 pockets)
- One 2-pocket folder
- At least 2 boxes of pencils with erasers and pencil sharpener with a cover
- Package of purple pens
- One 12" and 30 cm ruler**
- Protractor**

English Language Arts/Social Studies

- One 5 subject notebook
- One 2-pocket folder
- One composition book (any color)
- A paperback dictionary**
- A gallon size Ziplock bag
- One highlighter

General Supplies

Pens (black or blue)

Glue stick **

Markers (including a thin black marker)**

Colored pencils (box of 12 or larger)**

Scissors**

(2) Packs of index cards 3x5**

At least 2 packs of reinforced loose leaf paper**

Reinforcers**

Pencil Case

A box of tissues

Roll of paper towels

****To be left at home**

Thank you,

The Sixth Grade Blue Team

Mrs. McCarthy & Mrs. Robles-Claudio

** 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.*