2016/2017

Parents and Guardians of Rising Sixth Graders,

Greetings from the Sixth Grade Team. We are looking forward to meeting our new students this coming fall.

We know transitioning to a new school is a great opportunity and have provided a few bits of information that will help you prepare for the beginning of the school year.

**Summer Projects**

Language Arts- Students are expected to read the novel, Wonder by R.J. Palacio and complete the assignment by Sept. 9th, 2016.

Here is a link to the information: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/piedmontMS/Pages/SummerReadingProjects.aspx>

Math- Students should practice their multiplication and division skills (1-12). They are expected to complete 100 multiplication and division problems in under five minutes and will be tested on this at the beginning of the year.

**Community and Service**

It is an IB requirement that our sixth graders complete 20 hours of Community and Service. Students can start volunteering June 10th. For summer hours to count they need to turn in the completed Community and Service form to their math teachers by the end of the first quarter. Hours are subsequently collected quarterly.

**Communication**

The sixth grade teachers use email as our main source of communication. Throughout the school year we use our web pages and google classroom accounts to provide students and parents with information about classwork, homework, projects and tests.

**Field Trips**

We plan on taking a couple of field trips this coming school year. We wanted to give you time to start preparing for the cost over the summer. We expect our overnight field trip to cost around $300. This is subject to change. These trips are earned through behavior and academic effort. Suspensions, outstanding school fines (cafeteria, media, textbooks, etc.) and/ or academic failure can exclude students from this, and other, off-campus field trips.

**Classroom Needs**

We appreciate any donations to our classrooms. Teachers are always in need of the following items:

* Hand sanitizer, tissues, paper towels, construction paper, loose leaf lined paper, dry erase markers, markers, colored pencils, crayons, pencils, tape, glue sticks, anti-Bacterial wipes, Band-Aids, books and magazines.

**Basic Supplies**

Students should come to every class prepared with these basic supplies:

* Flash drive, ear buds, pencils, pens, hand held sharpener, glue sticks, scotch tape, scissors, highlighters, markers, colored pencils/crayons, post-it-Notes, DEAR (Drop Everything And Read; book-this is a book students are reading for pleasure).
* **Required:** One (1) 2-inch binder with pockets

**Specific Subject Supplies:**

Math

🡪 Five (5) binder dividers with pockets

🡪 Loose leaf lined paper

 🡪 Graph paper

 Optional: Calculator with basic skills

Language Arts

 🡪 Two (2) Composition notebooks

 🡪 Required novel will be announced during the year

Social Studies

 🡪 One 200 page notebook

Science

 🡪 Two (2) folders with pockets

 🡪 Two (2) single subject notebooks

 🡪 One (1) composition notebook

Enjoy your summer. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

 -The Sixth Grade Team