

## *Parent/Student Tips for a Successful School Year*

- ❖ Agree on a regular time and place in your home where homework is to be done.
- ❖ Check your child's *Agenda Book* daily to know what homework is assigned to your child.
- ❖ Talk to your child about his/her school day.
- ❖ Encourage independent reading in the home.
- ❖ Make sure your child has all the necessary supplies he/she needs for school each day.
- ❖ Keep in contact with your child's teachers.
- ❖ Limit television, video game playing etc. during the school week.
- ❖ When your child is absent for more than 2 days, call to request and pick-up missed homework.
- ❖ Do a "supply check" every quarter. Stock up when needed.
- ❖ Take advantage of extra help sessions offered.
- ❖ Check grades on *Power school* regularly.
- ❖ Start projects when first assigned.
- ❖ Enjoy the year and the new experiences of the Middle School.

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***"6<sup>th</sup> grade spirit,  
feel our pride!"***



## WELCOME TO THE SIXTH GRADE 2016-2017



\*Not shown – Mrs. Catenaro and Mrs. Jenkins

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## SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE TEAM

Dear Parents and Students of Grade 6,

*It is with great pleasure that we, the sixth grade team, welcome you to Somerville Middle School. Moving from elementary to middle school is an exciting, yet challenging experience. Each year, we recognize this challenge and look forward to supporting students and their families in this transition.*

*The period from childhood to adolescence presents middle school students with very different experiences and opportunities. Students will interact with more peers and teachers while fulfilling expectations related to responsibility, independence, and organization. Sixth grade also offers the opportunity for students to look beyond themselves, think more abstractly, and make valuable contributions to our changing world. Building character and maintaining values will be essential in determining each child's success.*

*Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Join us in a collaborative effort to create a positive middle school experience that will promote and enrich lifelong learning.*

### The Sixth Grade Team of Teachers

Ms. Ball                      Ms. Jenkins  
Mrs. Catenaro              Ms. Parajon  
Mrs. Hunt                    Mr. Zubia



### Sixth Grade Expectations

1. Respect self, others, and school property.
2. Be prepared with all materials and homework for each class everyday.
3. Abide by all school rules as outlined in the student handbook.
4. Refrain from any type of bullying behavior. It is not acceptable. We have a zero tolerance policy!
5. Students must label work with the proper heading. Heading includes first and last name, date, period, and assignment.
6. All assignments should be completed in blue or black ink. Pencils may also be used. (Math work must be completed in pencil only.)
7. Complete effort and neatness is required on all assignments, lab work, and projects. Failure to do so may result in a lower grade.

### Homework Policy

1. Homework should be expected for most subjects Monday-Friday.
2. It is expected that the Homework Agenda Book will be used daily for every subject.
3. If a student is absent, he/she will have the same number of days absent to make up the work. Students are responsible for seeing teachers about make-up work.
4. It is expected that projects and reports will be handed in on time. If they are submitted late, the grade will be lowered at the teacher's discretion.
5. All work must be original. Plagiarized assignments will result in a zero.



### Sixth Grade Supplies List

#### Math

- TI 34 multi-view calculator
- (1) pack of Post-It notes

#### Language Arts Literacy

- (1) one subject notebook
- (2) packs of Post-It Pads (small)
- (1)- one inch 3 ring binder
- (3) highlighters (assorted colors)

#### Science

- (1)- three subject notebook

#### Social Studies

- (4) 2 pocket folders

#### General Supplies (for all classes)

- Homework Agenda Book \*
- Pencils (no mechanical)
- Pens-blue or black only
- Highlighters
- 1 sturdy accordion folder with 7 pockets
- 3-Stretchable book covers
- Inexpensive ear buds  
(*must fit in pencil case*)
- Soft pencil case (no plastic boxes!)

#### Suggested Home Supplies

- Paper, glue, tape
- Colored pencils, crayons, pencils, pens, and erasers
- Poster board (projects)

\* The school supplies the Homework Agenda Book.