

We would like to welcome your child to the sixth grade. All of us are looking forward to our year together. We have included the daily schedule of a sixth grader on the back and some of the general information you may want to know about how our team works. Please let us introduce ourselves, along with our contact information, so that we are available to you for questions and sharing of information about your child.

The **Team Leaders** are Bonnie Dill and Marilyn Zotos. Please contact one of us to schedule a meeting with the team, ask questions about how school operates, or to share personal information that our team might need to know. For specific classroom questions or concerns, please contact the particular teacher of that class.

**Jupiter Grades:** We use Jupiter Grades to keep students and parents informed about school work. We encourage you to choose a setting that will send you an update weekly. You can see what homework has been turned in, scores and overall grades in each class. Please let us know if you have questions about this.

**Email is the most efficient way to communicate with us.** We encourage you to check your email daily also so that you can receive any general sixth grade news or information specific to your child that may be sent out to you. Voicemail is available but email is more efficient and checked regularly.

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**Telephone messages:** You can leave a voice mail by calling the main office, 646-5142, and asking for our extension. If your message should be known before your child leaves for the day at 1:55 pm, be sure to tell the school secretary to advise us of your message. **(Email is the best way to contact us in most cases.)**

**Absences:** *It is important for a student to let each of us know if he/she was absent yesterday. With close to 100 students in the grade, it is hard to remember who has been absent and for how many days.* We will do our best to bring him/her up to speed as quickly as possible. Often staying after school on the day your child comes back is a good idea. **If your child is out for more than two days,** it may be a good idea to call school and have work left for them in the office. This is assuming that the child is well enough to do school work while resting at home. You can pick up work after 2:30 if we are notified in the morning. We can also send things home with a friend who lives nearby. A quick email to ask what has gone on is also a way to handle this situation. We will work with your child to get caught up. Your support in this effort is vital. Thank you.

**Agendas:** This is the assignment book your child has been provided. Please know that all teachers write daily homework or “NONE” on the board each day. We also tell students verbally and give time to record assignments in the agenda. The agenda should go home every night so that kids can remember what to do for homework and so that parents are informed. Please help us to encourage a good habit of writing down all assignments. These kids are busy and need a written reminder! Keep in touch... *The Grade 6 Team*