

August 1, 2018

Parent/Guardian and Student:

We would like to welcome you to the sixth grade **Grizzlies** team at the Palmyra Middle School. Your child's homeroom teacher is your primary contact throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact that teacher with questions or concerns as they arise. Feel free to contact any teacher with academic questions related to your child's classes throughout the year as well. Contact information can be found on the district teacher websites.



Our curriculum is full; we have a great deal of work and a busy year ahead! In science, students focus on exploring the world through physical science, physics, and chemistry. In social studies, students will explore ancient civilizations. In math class, students will be challenged with the following topics: dividing fractions, analyzing tables, and finding the volume of geometric shapes. In ELA, students will learn to think deeply about their texts using a variety of strategies as well as writing for many different purposes. Core class curriculums are outlined on district teacher websites.

Your child will have increased responsibilities this year. Self-discipline and organizational skills will be very important for every student. To encourage the development of these skills, all sixth grade teachers are requesting that students have the items listed on the following page. Before the first day of school, we encourage you to review the online team handbook, which outlines expectations for behavior, homework, and grading. In addition, you will find information about our positive reward and tally system. This handbook can be found on district teacher websites.

Each student will be assigned an iPad to help enhance their learning experience, and iPads will be used daily in a variety of classes. This 1 to 1 initiative will significantly enhance our students ability to collaborate, create, and research in the classroom setting. It will also ensure that all students are on a level playing field in regards to the technology they have access to. More information on our iPASD Policies, Procedures, & Expectations will be distributed as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

This is an exciting time for you and your child, and we understand you may have some initial anxieties. We assure you, we are prepared to help your child make as easy a transition as possible. Sixth graders are eager learners and usually feel quite comfortable in their new setting within a few days.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and we hope to see you at the Open House on Thursday, August 23th and Back to School Night on September 10th.

Sincerely,

The Grizzlies Teachers

Mr. Binder

Mrs. Litz

Ms. Pheasant

Mrs. Ward

Mr. Wilver

6th Grade Grizzlies Required Materials

General Supplies Needed for ALL Classes

- Pencils/erasable pens
- Erasers
- 3 Ring Binder with dividers
- 2 Folders
- Ipad Stylus (Optional)
- earbuds/headphones (2 pairs for the year)

Math

- TI-34 Multi-view calculator (costs from \$18-\$20 and can be purchased at Amazon, Staples, Wal-Mart, CVS, etc.)

ELA

- Composition notebook-(any color but **not** spiral bound)

Science

- Metric Ruler for Home

Social Studies

- Ear buds/ Head Phones (recommended)