

June 1, 2019

Dear Future 6th Grade Parents and Guardians,

We all made it through another busy and exciting school year! Can you believe that your child will be entering their first year of middle school in the fall? I am so blessed to have the opportunity to teach your children as they move into 6th grade. This note provides a supply list for next year, as well as information on the summer reading, math, and keyboarding requirements. **Please encourage your child to keep up with these each week, as students retain the most when assignments are paced throughout the summer.** We hope you and your family enjoy the summer months, and look forward to working with your student in the fall!

Blessings,
Ms. Neale and the Middle School Team
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REQUIRED READING:

- ***Journey to America*** by Sonia Levitin

Complete a book project that includes the following elements:

- Title
- Author
- Genre
- Characters
- Plot Summary
- Conflict & Resolution
- Personal Review
- Visuals

Sample project types include: book report or journal, poster, digital presentation, foldable, hanging mobile, pamphlet, movie pitch... get creative, just include all required elements!

- ***A Long Walk to Water*** by Linda Sue Park

When students return in the fall, they will be asked to complete a reflection piece to show evidence of having read the book.

REQUIRED MATH:

- **Using their school Google account, students should work on their 5th grade mission in Khan Academy.** Categories that should be focused on first are "Place Value and Decimals", "Fractions", and "Arithmetic Operations." Students who complete a **minimum of three hours** will receive a quiz score of 100 in the fall. *If you would like to keep track of your child's time, please sign up in Khan Academy as a coach and have your child enter your coach's code on their account. If your child is starting new in the fall, please also enter class code **FMFYJJ7S**, which leads to the 5th grade mission.*

REQUIRED KEYBOARDING:

- **Minimum of three hours of TypingClub practice.** It is increasingly important for students to develop and maintain typing skills. TypingClub is an educational program that will help students learn and practice their keyboarding. The program is fully web-based so students can use it anywhere with an internet connection. Summer practice time is tracked within the program and will count as a quiz score in R&TI class in September: complete a **minimum of three hours** and receive an S+ (above average); complete **4 or more hours** to receive an O (Outstanding).
- **West Bay's TypingClub account is found at <https://westbaychristianacademy.typingclub.com>** Login with Google (select to link with student's WBCA account). Be sure you are in Class of 2022 to receive credit.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

Homeroom/General Supplies

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 containers of antibacterial wipes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- Blue or black pens, and red or green correcting pens (Standard, not gel or cartridge)
- Pencils and erasers
- A pencil case/pouch with the student's name on it
- A pencil sharpener with attached well
- 2 highlighters
- White lined paper for all binders
- Earbuds / earphones
- Chromebook case (to be purchased after start of school year)

Bible Supplies

- Zondervan *NIV Study Bible*
- 1 binder (1 1/2 inch, yellow)
- Loose leaf paper
- 5 page dividers

Math Supplies

- 3 ring binder with loose leaf (black)
- 2 page dividers (any style or color)
- Pocket folder (black)
- Ruler with inches and centimeters
- Simple calculator (the dollar store has them)

English Supplies

- 1 binder (2 inch, blue)
- 10 page dividers

Science Supplies

- Marble-style composition notebook (green)
- Pocket folder (green)

Social Studies Supplies

- Marble-style composition notebook (red)
- Pocket folder (red)
- Set of colored markers for class to share, to be left at school

Research & Technology Integration

- One 2-pocket folder with pattern/image (ie make it different from core subjects)

Foreign Language

- Three ring binder with page dividers

Music

- ❑ One 2-pocket folder with any design or pattern