



Dear Students,

It's hard to believe but it's that time again- the beginning of another school year. I'm excited to get back 'IN' school and the opportunity to get to know you better. I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

I hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer. There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to encounter, new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master...and I can't wait to share with you in these exciting times.

The teaching team in the middle school is looking forward to instructing you this year. With Mrs. Mino (and her costumes) you will be studying American History and immersing yourself in both fiction and non-fiction as part of the Common Core of Language Arts. In my Math classes you will be exploring new applications and concepts while becoming fluent in those that you have seen before. Some of the areas will include real numbers, algebra, geometry, probability, and statistics. I love word problems so come to school ready to translate them into math. In science the curriculum focuses on the life sciences in areas of cells, heredity, diversity of living things as well as human biology. In religion class you will concentrate on Jesus, the Gospel writers, and the Sacraments. In Spanish class with Sra. Gonzalez you will begin to become proficient in your second language.

Supplies for a Successful School Year:

4 Composition Notebooks, Loose-leaf, Spanish Binder and a beach towel with the student's name on it.

The items listed below should fit into a "shoebox" size container provided by KCS:

• Blue or Black pens • pencils • 3 highlighters • a scientific calculator • hand sanitizer, • index cards • and • tissues.

For Art • 12 Markers • 24 crayons • 12 colored pencils • glue stick • liquid glue • watercolor paints • eraser • pencil sharpener • scissors • 12" ruler • and • oil pastels.

I am looking forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns please let me know. Call the school at 845-331-9318 and leave a message.

Once again, welcome to seventh grade. Let's work *stronger together* to make this the best year ever! Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Balcanoff