

Dear 7th Grade Parents,

June 2017

We warmly welcome you and your child to 7th grade! Seventh grade is a time of extraordinary growth and change in children, and as a team, we respect and enjoy the realities of this quirky, yet delicate, age. We have lots of activities and projects planned, and we work closely to make our programs exciting and relevant. This year we will be participating in a three-day, two-night program at Chewonki October 10th through the 12th. We are delighted to be able to offer this unique environmental program, which we will connect with our school's science and art curriculums. In addition, group and team development are key elements embedded in the Chewonki program. Mark you calendar for the parent meeting that we will host on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM about this experience.

We have high expectations for 7th graders and recognize that they lead very busy lives. Students have many opportunities outside of class for individualized help and teachers are available during Schooner Time, as well as homework club which will be from 2:45 – 3:30 this coming year. We encourage students to self-advocate and take responsibility for their learning. This is a year of increased independence and ownership and our focus is on encouraging a growth mindset and accepting challenges as integral to learning. This focus can be challenging for many and we are here to help guide that growth.

To make your child's 7th grade experience a success we need your help. We will be in touch with you within the first week of school to request your preferred contact method: phone, email, or text. You can always send any of us a short email, or make an appointment to meet with the full team during one of our team meetings. We try hard to keep you posted on what is happening throughout the year through our "WIP (Week In Preview)" emails.

We look forward to working with your child. The suggested school supplies for various subjects are listed on the back of this letter.

Sincerely yours,  
The 7th Grade Team

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### **Turn Over For Supply List**

*Please contact the main office if you need assistance with acquiring supplies.  
We have extra supplies available.*

## 2017–2018 Seventh–Grade Materials List

### 7th Grade Math

- a single subject spiral notebook
- a ruler with inch and metric increments (can also be used for science)
- Glue stick

### Advanced Math – Tammy Hilchey

- Three ring binder
- Lined paper for notes (to keep in binder)
- Scientific calculator (not graphing)

### Language Arts

- 1 spiral–bound or hardcover/marbled composition book
- pocket folder
- pens

### Social Studies

- 1 spiral–bound or hardcover/marbled composition book
- pocket folder
- a glue stick (may need to be replenished mid–year)

### Science

- Students will be supplied with a science lab notebook.
- Other important supplies for class are listed in the “All Classes” section below. For science, important supplies are: colored pencils, glue stick, and handheld pencil sharpener.

### Spanish

- 1" three-ring binder with five tabbed sections and some extra blank lined paper
- Students can be encouraged to re-use their binders for all four years of Spanish.

### All Classes

- one 1 ½ “ Binder to store planner, homework folder, & pencil case. (This will travel class to class.)
- good quality pocket folder for homework -- avoid accordion folders and big binders
- **dozens of pencils – this is a HUGE need; may need to be replenished mid–year**
- quality Hand pencil sharpener
- cap erasers – small box
- colored pencils – 1 set of 24
- glue stick
- Headphones - ear buds
- handheld pencil sharpener
- pencil case for holding all of the above

### Homeroom

- 2 boxes of tissues (please bring the first week of school)
- 1 package of loose–leaf lined paper
- roll of scotch tape