

# SIXTH GRADE PROJECT WEEK 2016

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**To: All Sixth Grade Parents**

FROM: The Sixth Grade Team

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We are so pleased to welcome you and your child to sixth grade! We anticipate a year of growth and exploration, and we look forward to getting to know your family during the next few months.

Our sixth grade year will begin with **Project Week, Tuesday, September 6, through Friday, September 9**. Regular classes will begin the following Monday, September 12. Our activities during Project Week are designed to build community, to ease the transition into Middle School, and to launch the theme of “journeys” that will shape our sixth grade year. Here’s the plan:

## **Tuesday, September 6 (8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

After we say hello to one another in our homerooms, we will take our first journey together. We’ll travel to **St. Ann’s Soup Kitchen** in Hamden to meet with the director and the cook who will facilitate our yearlong community service project. Then we will head to **Sleeping Giant State Park** for a short hike, lunch and get-to-know-you activities. Your daughter or son should:

- wear comfortable, loose-fitting old clothes that can get dirty and are appropriate for the weather (we will be outside most of the day, unless it is really pouring, in which case we will shift to plan B: the Peabody Museum),
- wear sneakers (no crocs or flip flops please!)
- bring a backpack for all of his/her gear
- pack a bag lunch (no microwaveables please!) and two water bottles
- include a sunhat or a rain jacket (whichever the weather warrants)
- pack sunscreen and insect repellent
- leave his/her iPod, cell phone and all other electronics at home

## **Wednesday, September 7 (8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

After morning greetings, we will travel to Farmington to participate in outdoor group-building activities run by **Mountain Workshop**. Your son or daughter should:

- wear comfortable, loose-fitting old clothes that can get wet and dirty and are appropriate for the weather (we will be outside most of the day, rain or shine)
- wear sneakers or water sandals that can get wet (no crocs or flip flops please!)
- bring a backpack for all of his/her gear
- pack a bag lunch (no microwaveables please!) and two water bottles
- **bring a complete change of clothes**, including extra sneakers, and a towel (we will get wet), plus a **plastic bag** to hold wet clothes
- include a sunhat or a rain jacket (whichever the weather warrants)
- pack sunscreen and insect repellent,
- leave his/her iPod, cell phone and all other electronics at home.

**Thursday, September 8 (8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

Not long after arriving at school, we will travel to the **Norwalk Aquarium** for a marine life cruise and a tour of the aquarium to kick off the year's study of the life sciences. Your daughter or son should:

- wear comfortable, loose-fitting old clothes that can get wet or dirty and are appropriate for the weather (we will be outside much of the day, rain or shine)
- wear sneakers (no open-toed shoes or sandals are allowed on the boat!)
- bring a backpack for all of his/her gear
- pack a bag lunch (no microwaveables please!) and two water bottles
- bring a sunhat or sunglasses, an extra layer (sweater or sweatshirt) and a rain jacket (if there's even a small chance of rain)
- pack sunscreen and insect repellent
- leave his/her iPod, cell phone, and all other electronics at home

**Friday, September 9 (8:10 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.)**

We will spend the morning in our homerooms preparing for the first full week of classes (labeling lockers, reviewing schedules, locating classrooms and assembling notebooks). Then the students will have a chance to visit each of their academic classes for a short introduction. We will close our week with our fourth grade buddies, having lunch together and playing some more getting-to-know-you games at Edgerton Park.

Your son or daughter should:

- bring the materials noted on the enclosed list of supplies
- wear walking shoes or sneakers (no flip flops please!)
- wear comfortable clothes that are appropriate for the weather
- pack a bag lunch (no microwaveables please!) and a water bottle

Project Week promises to be the beginning of an exciting sixth grade year. If you have any questions for us, be sure to ask when we contact our advisee families the week before the school year begins. Enjoy the rest of the summer. We'll see you on September 6!

# SIXTH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2016-2017

<b>Footnote Provides</b>		<b>Bring to School</b>		<b>Keep at Home</b>	
<p>These supplies are part of our Sixth Grade Study Skills Initiative.</p> <p><i>(Please <b>do not</b> buy substitute materials, as all students will be required to begin the year with these.)</i></p>		<p>Students should buy these supplies and <b>bring them to school on Friday, September 9.</b></p> <p><i>(During the course of the year, students will need to replace used or lost supplies.)</i></p>		<p>Students should have these materials available at home.</p> <p><i>(Please <b>do not</b> bring these supplies to school.)</i></p>	
Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
Zipper binder	1	#2 pencils	4	#2 pencils	A steady supply (about 4 dozen!)
Assignment notebook	1	Ball point pens (black or blue)	4	Ball point pens (black or blue)	A steady supply (about 2 dozen!)
Spiral notebook (for math notes)	1	Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper (with margins)	25 sheets	Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper (with margins)	A steady supply (about 500 sheets)
Pencil case	1	Different colored highlighters	2	4 X 6 index cards (lined)	200
Folder dividers	5	4 X 6 index cards (lined)	15	Stapler	1
		Jumbo book socks	2	Colored pencils	Set
				Hole punch	1
				Reinforcements	1 box
				Student Dictionary	1
				Student Thesaurus	1
				12" ruler	1
				Transparent tape	1 roll
				Box for home files	1