

Summer 2019

Dear RMS Seventh Grader:

On behalf of all your team teachers, we are delighted to welcome you to the seventh grade. Exciting learning opportunities await you this year, and we're sure you will enjoy all that seventh grade offers!

In language arts, you will be presented with literature in various genres, including poetry, short stories, and novels. SPRoots and TEXAS paragraphs will excite you, and you may even find yourself having e-conversations with your teacher and fellow students as you debate the latest outside reading assignment.

The seventh grade social studies curriculum spans American history from Native Americans and explorers through the Civil War. Lively class discussions, presentations, and group activities will support your learning as you use various educational tools including WebQuests and primary source documents.

Our math curriculum is among the best in the country, and we excel at making rich, real-world connections. Problem solving in geometry, algebra, probability, measurement, and other number-based topics will aid in the acquisition of the skills you need to have a better understanding of math and its role in everyday life.

From the bacteria to biomes, seventh grade life science emphasizes inquiry-based learning. With experiments, research projects, and hands-on exploration of the living organisms around us, you will learn to apply the scientific method to better understand our world.

Once again, we look forward to a successful and meaningful school year. Please refer to the supply list on the back of this letter so you may come to our classes well prepared to begin the next phase of your middle school career!

Sincerely,

Mr. David Ball  
Mr. Simon Berk  
Mr. John Borchert  
Ms. April Colarusso  
Ms. Julie Corbalis

Ms. Victoria Dosso  
Mr. John Griffin  
Mr. Peter Gouveia  
Ms. Margo Hackett  
Mrs. Meg Milano

Mr. John O'Donnell  
Ms. Caitlin Stein  
Mrs. Julianne Tamucci  
Mr. Aleksey Vodyanitskiy  
Ms. Nora Webber

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade supplies

2019-2020

**Please have all materials available for the first week of school.**

- 2 two-inch three-ring binders for team subjects
- 2 packages of subject dividers for your binders
- 3 “marble” composition notebooks (one each for science, math, LA)
- 1 scientific (**non-graphing**) calculator for math
  
- 2 packages blue/black ink pens
- 2 packages pencils
- 2 highlighters - different colors
- 2 packages lined, loose-leaf paper for notes and homework
- 1 set of earbuds (for various classes including foreign language)
- **1 box Kleenex – for Period 1 classroom**

**If you have any of the following “encore” teachers, please get these supplies!**

Foreign language – separate binder for your class

Mrs. Aronson (ASL) - pocket folder for your class

Ms. Robins (ENL) – yellow pocket folder for your class

Mr. Rodefeld & Mr. Peck (technology) – 3 mechanical pencils, 2 12” rulers, and a pocket folder

Ms. Heinze & Ms. Tamalonis (art) – 1 sketchbook (blank pages, no lines). Teachers will provide students with supplies such as pencils, scissors, and erasers; however, students are free to bring in their own materials