

June 2016

Welcome 2016-2017 Seventh Graders and Parents,

To help you prepare for school in the fall, we have created a list of materials that you will need for next year. Over the summer you can be collecting your “back to school” materials to avoid a rush in September.

These supplies should last for the entire school year. Students will be asked to replenish their supplies as they get used up or fall into disrepair.

- one 2-inch 3-ring (heavy duty) binder (no zippers please)
This will be used as your child’s every day binder.
Your child will bring this home every night, and bring it to school every day.
We recommend using a backpack that will accommodate this size binder.
- 8-pack of dividers (for in the 3-ring binder)
- pencil pouch (for in the rings of the binder)
- pencils (lots and lots of pencils)
- pens (blue or black ink)
- erasers
- loose leaf lined notebook paper
- An important part of the seventh grade requirement is the **assignment book**.
This organizational tool will be supplied for students at a *cost of \$3.00* due the first week of school.
- A fully charged Chromebook is also a necessary part of each school day. We will be asking students to maintain this tool so s/he is ready each day.
- Headphones/ear-buds for their Chromebook

Other supplies your child may like to have for 7th grade:

- index cards

On the back of this letter, you will find the **Reading Requirements** for the summer and **Maintaining Math Skills** options for students entering 7th grade.

We are all looking forward to September and know we will be sharing a wonderful seventh grade year together! We can be reached at Inter-Lakes Middle Tier (279-5312), or via e-mail. You can find our addresses below or on our website: <http://www.interlakes.org/ilmt/>

Have a nice summer!

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Reading Requirements

Over the summer, you are required to read at least two books. Below is a list of suggested authors who have written a number of excellent books from which you may like to choose, **but do not limit yourself to these authors. Maybe you have or will find a new favorite author.**

Avi	Joan Bauer	Andrew Clements	Eoin Colfer	Sharon Creech
Jack Gantos	Carl Hiaasen	Rick Riordin	Matt Christopher	Lemony Snicket
Karen Hesse	Nancy Farmer	Jerry Spinelli	Gordon Korman	Ridley Pearson
Margaret Peterson Haddix	Will Hobbs	Brian Jacques	Gail Carson Levine	James Dashner
Gary Schmidt	J.K. Rowling	Lois Lowry	Veronica Roth	Pam Munaz Ryan
Marie Lu	J.R.R Tolkien	Gary Paulsen	Richard Peck	Philip Pullman
James Patterson	Caroline Funke	Mildred Taylor	Anthony Horowitz	Suzanne Collins
Cynthia Voigt	Mike Lupica	RJ Palacio	Katherine Patterson	Erin Hunter
Caroline B. Cooney				

These websites are great sources to find reviews on books:

<http://www.flamingnet.com/>

<http://www.ala.org/> search for “best books for young adults”

<http://guysread.com/>

<http://www.adlit.org/>

Please make a list of 10 statements (facts, or opinions with details) about **one** of your books and bring it to share the first week of school. Set up your paper with your name, the title, author, and genre of your book. Mrs. Manville will look forward to hearing about your summer reading adventures.

Maintaining Math Skills

In the 6th grade, students worked diligently to learn new math skills and maintain old ones. Summer is often a time when students lose fluency in math facts and skills. It is the perfect time to just maintain those skills, a little every day, so 7th grade starts off right where students left off.

A website, used often in the 7th grade is www.thatquiz.org. Students can visit that site to practice old skills, experiment with new ones, and maintain/increase fluency of basic facts. Sixth grade students will be asked to join a new Google Classroom called Summer 2016. There, students will fill out a Google Form and will be assigned a user-name and password for the **Summer Work 2016** part of this site. By using the user-name and password, Mrs. Long will be able to see the progress made by each user, throughout the summer.

Every time a student completes a “quiz,” his or her name will be entered into a drawing! Prizes will be drawn at the beginning of the school year. With more practice, chances for winning some wonderful prizes increases!

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