



# Welcome to the Ruby Team!

## Meet your teachers!

**Mr. Fisher** (Team Leader/Math)  
**Mrs. Kiesewetter** (Science)  
**Mrs. Stauble** (Mathematics)

**Mr. Bannon** (Social Studies)  
**Mrs. Harrell** (Language Arts)  
**Mrs. Pudlo** (Spanish)

**Ms. Dombek** (PE)  
**Mrs. Cassidy** (Art)

We hope you are having a restful, relaxing summer and have had the opportunity to spend time with your family and friends. As your new team teachers, we are an experienced team of caring educators who are very excited to be working with you this coming school year. Together we will work on discovering the most effective ways for you to learn, developing strategies to improve the quality of your work, and fostering your independence and confidence as a learner. We have recognized that students who do well in school are generally well-organized. Please take some time to review our supply list and determine what organizational system works best for you.

### The following outlines the expectations we have for ourselves and all students on the Ruby Team:

- Be present, prepared and focused each school day.
- Work at finding your voice and improving your participation in classes.
- Continue to be responsible, respectful, and good citizens.
- Connect with the school by participating in one or more of the extra-curricular activities KP has to offer.
- Choose to be positive and kind to others.

### In preparation for each school year, we asked students what skills they acquired that helped them be more successful in their classes. Here are some of the common themes they mentioned to us:

- **Plan ahead:** We realize that many of you have activities and other obligations outside of school. Please take the time to plan ahead when other activities fall at the same time as school responsibilities. Communicate with your parents/caregivers and your teachers about any absences you foresee due to travel, family obligations, etc.
- **Self-advocate:** We encourage you to ask questions during class and to seek us out for extra help. Seeing a teacher for just a few minutes during lunch, learning lab, or before or after school can make a significant difference in your understanding of the material. One way students have self-advocated in recent years is to email teachers with specific questions. Mrs. Harrell, our language arts teacher, will provide a lesson or two for you early in the year that will outline the appropriate way to correspond with a teacher through email. KP also provides a homework center after school at least three times a week for students who like to complete some or all of their independent work prior to going home for the day.
- **Work well with others:** During the year you will sometimes be asked to work as a pair and other times as part of a three or four person group. Working with others is a very important life skill that will serve you well if you take a mature and responsible approach to the assigned tasks. We will work with you on how to be an effective group member who has the ability to listen to other's ideas, share their own thoughts, recognize and compliment other students' ideas and strategies, and share the workload required. At times you will be assigned a group or you may have the opportunity, at times, to select one or two people with whom you would prefer to work.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you this year. **Enjoy the remainder of your summer!**

# 7th Grade Supply List



- 1 large 3 ring binder (3 inches or larger) or an organizational system that works for you (ie accordion, separate folders, etc.)
- Tab dividers
- Dry Erase Markers (please no red)
- White lined paper
- Earbuds
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- Calculator
- Pencil pouch to hold these supplies
- Free choice reading book, which you will carry with you to **all** classes, **every** day.
- Personal Daily Planner of your choice
- Composition notebook (50 or 100 pages)

\*There may be additional items required by individual teachers. You will get this list when you come to school.

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## Cost estimates for '18– '19 7th grade trips

There are already a few field trips planned to extend and enhance your learning. To help families plan ahead, we are sharing estimated dates and costs of field trips this year.

- Team building trip to Camp Sloper, September..... \$20
- Science Center Trip, March.....\$25
- End of Year Trip; June..... \$45
- Yearbook (optional)..... \$23