

TOPAZ TEAM TIMES

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Breaking News!!!

You've made it! Welcome to 6th grade!! This will be your most amazing year yet socially and academically! You will be taking on more responsibilities, switching classes, using a locker, meeting new friends, and getting the opportunity to join clubs. The team holds very high expectations for your engagement in learning and classroom behavior; because of this, we will do whatever we can to help you and your classmates meet those expectations. We are looking forward to working with you and your family as we make your sixth grade year a success. Our school is dedicated to creating a positive environment where everyone feels safe, respected and included. We often recognize students who demonstrate respect, responsibility, and good citizenship! We are so excited to meet you and begin a year filled with new learning experiences. We look forward to developing our positive learning community together. Enjoy the rest of your summer! Make sure you show this letter to your family!



Forecast for the school year: Plenty of sunshine, lots of fun and lots of memories!!!

Here on the Topaz Team, we are:

Respectful, Responsible and Good Citizens
We practice mindfulness,
We help others and
We are positive!



Field Trips!!

(We are sharing *approximate* costs.)

Team Building Day \$30
Hartford Stage: A Christmas Carol \$30
End of Year Day Trip \$40
Yearbook (optional) \$23

Did you know???

Mr Keena loves to read the New York Times daily, is a huge fan of the University of Virginia Cavaliers and enjoys attending UConn football games!

Mrs. Luzusky went to Alaska this summer for her honeymoon, is a former KP student, loves going to the beach, and has a dog and 3 cats!

Ms. Aquadro loves to travel to Maine and North Carolina, spends her summer reading fun books, has a cat and dog at home, and has taught 6th grade for 20 years.

Mrs. Vocke has a daughter in 4th grade, a son in 7th grade and her favorite hobby is running! She has even run in a half marathon! Mrs. Vocke loves Disney World, San Francisco California, and the beach in Narragansett.

Mrs. Crawford enjoys her summers at the beach!!

Introducing your Awesome Academic Team Teachers

Ms. Aquadro - Resource teacher
Mrs. Crawford - Math teacher
Mr. Keena - Social Studies
Ms. Kebernick - Spanish
Mrs. Luzusky -French & Spanish / Team Leader
Mrs. Vocke - Science
Ms. Stevenson - Language Arts

&

Your Exceptional Extended Team Teachers:

Mr. Flaherty - Health/Physical Education
Mrs. Grindle - Art
Mr. Lillie - Physical Education
Mr. Faticoni - Music
Mrs. Lukas-Technology and Engineering
Mrs. Gieczewski-Spanish
Mrs. Guo-Chinese
Ms. Martucci-Math Interventionist
Ms. Gosselin - Reading



6th Grade Supply List



- One 3-inch binder
- 6 tab dividers without pockets
- 1 package loose leaf paper
- Zipper pouch for supplies that can be inserted into the 3-ring binder
- 3-hole punched sturdy folder with pockets for homework
- 1 box pencils
- 1 box pens (black or blue)
- Erasers or eraser caps
- A few yellow highlighters
- A few Expo markers
- 3 packs 3x5 index cards
- Calculator (add/subtract/multiply/divide)
- 1 box tissues to be handed to team leader at start of school year
- Earbuds for computer use
- Post-It notes (optional)