Dear Parents,

Welcome to 6th Grade! I am excited to have the opportunity to be your child’s sixth grade teacher next year and welcome you and your child to our classroom. Sixth grade is a magical year, full of adventures and new experiences. When students enter sixth grade, they will become scientists and investigate the world around them! In Science, students will learn about Clean Streams, our Changing Earth, and the Human Body. The adventure continues as we travel through history. Our Social Studies topics will include early man, Mesopotamian Kingdoms, and Ancient Egypt. Reading will be a time to explore different novels as a class and your child will experience a variety of reading genres (realistic fiction, fantasy, historical fiction). We will be learning strategies to apply in both fiction and non-fiction texts. In Language Arts, we will work together to become expert writers and presenters. Sixth grade is truly a year where students come into their own and learn how to be confident, independent learners by learning not just the content, but how to study and what works best for their learning style.

**Supplies**: Everything that your child will need is on the list (no need to visit the empty shelves the first day of school☺).

**Writer’s Notebook:** The students will need a Writer’s Notebook. This is not just any notebook! It should be sturdy, in that it will be taken back and forth from school and home, and perhaps several other places. There is only one criterion for notebooks: as a minimum, notebooks should be no smaller than the Mill Creek Assignment Book. Please allow your student to choose the page format that he/she thinks will work best (lined or un-lined pages).

My husband and I are excited to share that we are expecting our second child at the end of October. As the time approaches, Mr. Ortman and Mrs. Adelman will share with you more information about who will be in during my maternity leave to insure a smooth transition.

I can’t wait to see your child on the first day of school and hear about all of your exciting summer adventures**. Please plan to send a picture of something your child did this summer to school the first week of school so we can create a bulletin board.**

Please feel free to email me at [tfitzmaurice@cbsd.org](mailto:tfitzmaurice@cbsd.org) if you have any other questions. Have a wonderful and safe vacation.

Sincerely,

Tamara Fitzmaurice