

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation! My name is Mrs. Moira Downey-Miller, and I am one of the sixth-grade teachers at Warwick Elementary. This is my twenty-first-year teaching and my eighteenth year in Central Bucks School District. My teaching experiences include: sixth grade general education, elementary learning support, middle school general education Language Arts, and high school Special Education for students with maladaptive/emotional disabilities. I have my Master's Degree in Education with a concentration as a Reading Specialist. I also completed my graduate program at Delaware Valley University and earned my Supervisor of Special Education Certification.

Outside of work, I have two boys, Dylan who is 14, and Jackson who is 11. My husband, T.J., is an Upper Dublin Police Officer. We live in Cheltenham, where I am a volunteer fire fighter. I have been working for the Cheltenham Fire Company for over 20 years. When I am not teaching, fighting fires, or running the boys around to their sports activities, I practice hot yoga and strength train. I am a fitness instructor at JTown Hot Yoga Studio. I also enjoy participating in Obstacle Course Racing such as Spartan Races and Tough Mudder Events. I recently completed classes at the National Personal Training Institute in order to earn my certification as a Personal Trainer.

As we near the beginning of school, it is time to start planning for a successful sixth grade year. This year, school begins on Tuesday, September 5th. In order to be prepared for our first day together, please see the following list of items to bring with you on the 5th:

- + (8) 2-pocket plastic folders, different colors (please do not label)
- + (1) Soft pencil case
- + (12) Pencils
- + (2) Marble Composition Books
- + (2) Packs of 4X6 index cards
- + 4 or more EXPO markers
- + (1) Independent Reading Book
- + (2) Boxes of tissues
- + (2) Containers of Clorox wipes
- + A bottle of hand soap, if possible
- + Set of headphones or ear buds in a clear Ziploc bag labeled with name
- + Pictures/words for Writer's Notebook (see Welcome Letter for more specific details)



In addition to the supply list above, your first assignment is to cut from magazines or make photocopies of pictures of family photographs, favorite foods, musicians, sports, and words or phrases that say something meaningful about you. You should bring these with you on the first day of school in a neat, organized way. You need to have enough pictures/words to fully cover a 9x11 sheet of construction paper AND a Writer's notebook. Do not glue them or assemble them. We will be creating our collages during the first week of school. We will have fun!

Please do not bring in large or individual binders. There is not enough room in your desk to store binders. Make sure to have all the items listed above on the first day of school.

Sixth grade is an important school year. Be ready to work hard, but also to have lots of fun! I am so excited for this upcoming year at Warwick! I am looking forward to a fantastic 2023-2024 school year!!

Sincerely,

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