



Dear 6th graders,

Wow! This is it, your final year at Pine Run! I am so excited to have the chance to be your teacher this year.

Sixth grade is filled with many special opportunities, including: Ropes Course, Family Fun Night at CB West Football, staffing the school store, safeties, sixth grade assessment, Tohickon Orientation, and morning announcements, among other things.

The most important role of a sixth grader is being a leader at Pine Run. You get to be role models for the entire school, displaying safety, acceptance, organization, responsibility, and respect on a daily basis. Sixth grade is the year where teamwork, individual accountability, and initiative are so important to your success as we prepare you for middle school.

This year our daily habits will connect to the ideas of travel and exploration. Travel is one of my favorite hobbies and I have learned a lot about myself and the world through my travel experiences. We will travel to new destinations through books this year, exploring characters as they relate to their settings, and the settings themselves. We will travel back in time to ancient civilizations in social studies and explore how different cultures came to be. In writing, we will use our experiences and memories to explore who we are as writers. Some of my best stories and journal entries have been inspired by travel. Most importantly, we will embrace the journey, because learning is not about the final destination; it is about the journey we take to get there.

Together, we are going to celebrate our achievements (big and small), conquer challenges that stand in our way, and grow as individuals each and every day. I cannot wait to get this year of exploration started with you. Welcome back!

Your 6th grade teacher,

Mrs. McManus