

Dear Sixth Grade Students,

It was so nice to meet all of you on fly-up day. We hope you are having an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you again and hearing about your adventures.



We are excited to be your teachers for your final year at Doyle. This year as a sixth-grade student, you will be involved in many new learning experiences. In social studies, you will explore cultures from the past, as well as study the ancient world. In science, you will focus on the earth's changing surface, clean streams and human bodies in motion. In Everyday Math and pre-algebra, you will enhance your computation and problem-solving skills and learn new ways of thinking. During language arts and reading, you'll accomplish many things including preparing for the exciting "Sixth Grade Assessment." Don't worry – it's a great experience and not nearly as stressful as some former sixth grade students would like you to believe. In fact, many students have asked if they could do it again! You can begin to prepare for the assessment even before school starts by thinking of general topics that you might be interested in researching. Think about some questions you may have about how things work or why things occur. Please try to come to school with at least one topic in mind. You could even do some summer reading on your topic. Speaking of reading, we hope that you have some wonderful readings from this summer to share...we know we do! Don't forget to fill in the "Rock Out With Books" handout and bring it back to school with you on the first day. Please check out the Doyle webpage for the link to the handout.

We'd like you to begin to understand what sixth grade is like, as well as get to know each of us. On that note, allow each of us to tell you a little about what we're doing this summer:

Mrs. Cirulli will be spending a relaxing summer with her two Golden Retrievers, Abby and Callie, as well as the rest of the Cirulli crew, children Nicholas and Kaitlin and husband Nick. She will be traveling to Scandinavia and Russia for the first time, as well as spending time at the Jersey shore. Getting lost in some good books will also be a must!

Mrs. Doyle will be busy with her two young children, Sebastian and Nolan, and her husband Dennis gathered around their fire pit, enjoying the days of summer swimming, reading in their hammock, and taking various day trips. Her extended family will be going to Hershey Park to scream on all the rides, Williamsburg to learn some history, and to Ocean City, NJ for two weeks

to relax and enjoy a funnel cake or two! Mrs. Doyle will be channeling her inner Fixer Upper as she paints and decorates her living room and dining room. She's looking forward to hearing about all your good summer reads 😊

Croissants, a tower, a double-decker bus, and a crown. What does all this mean? Mrs. McPhee is going to Paris and London this summer, of course! Might she have tea with the Queen, or shop at Harrods, or eat at Roger le Grenouille, or sail down the Seine? You will find out when we all meet on the first day of school in 6th grade! Mrs. McPhee loves to read and adores sand between her toes at the beach. And don't get her started about her 3 granddaughters unless you have plenty of time to listen to her brag about them! She looks forward to seeing you soon. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Ms. Mutchnick traveled to many beaches including Ocean City, MD, Florida, and Rehoboth, DE where she soaked up some rays and read lots of great books. Are you seeing a theme with reading? She has been having a wonderful time preparing her classroom for you to enjoy your home away from home.

Miss Lynn will continue teaching throughout the summer at the Extended School Year program in the district. She has many plans to travel during her long weekends to New York City, Ocean City, Maryland, the Jersey Shore, and hopefully the West Coast! During her free time, Miss Lynn will be relaxing with her family, friends, and Jack Russell Terrier, Monty.

You are entering a challenging and exciting year. Our goal is to work hard and have fun while learning! Your independence will increase, but with that comes greater responsibility in our school and community. One key to success this year is organization. Please bring the listed supplies to school on the first day, since we'll begin organizing right away! Because we are not aware of the allergies of our new classmates, please refrain from bringing in snacks containing peanuts, tree nuts, and dairy products until our school nurse can give us an official list of students with allergies.

Enjoy your summer, and we hope that you'll come back to school ready to jump into sixth grade. Let's make your last year at Doyle wonderful. Along with your supplies, please bring your enthusiasm, cooperation and a big smile!! See you on September 4th!

Warmly,

Mrs. Cirulli, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. McPhee and Miss Lynn