

Hello, Sixth Graders!!

I hope you are just as excited as I am to start the new school year! Please know many of us have some butterflies as well. Although this will be my 18<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Doyle Elementary, I still get a little nervous as school begins. My hope is to make everyone feel comfortable and assured starting day one! Your fifth-grade year was unique to say the least; you have certainly proven you can tackle any challenge that comes your way. We are in this together, and as a family in N13 we will laugh, learn, support one another, and achieve many goals this very special and last year for you at Doyle!

Here are a few tidbits about me: Summer is a gift because of the extra time spent with my husband Dennis, our two children Sebastian and Nolan, my dad, brother, niece, and nephew! Maybe I will see you this July and August on the fields as Sebastian is playing 7<sup>th</sup> grade soccer or perhaps on the courts when Nolan is playing 4<sup>th</sup> grade basketball. Most of the time though you will find us in our favorite place, our backyard, exploring the variety of wildlife, playing sports and water games, picking veggies from the garden, hanging out with friends, and gathering around the fire pit enjoying smores. Going for bike rides and walks are a daily occurrence in the Doyle household. Sadly, our walks are a little quieter these days because we no longer have our sweet dog O'Malley happily bouncing along with us. We recently had to say goodbye to her after almost 14 beloved years together. You can bet though trying new recipes and lounging in our hammock with a good book lift my spirits!



As a sixth-grade student you will be experiencing more independence than ever before. You will also be proudly viewed by all teachers as a role model for your younger peers. I am delighted that you will once again be receiving your very own laptop. This will allow learning to be more interactive, varied, and fun! Canvas was new for our sixth graders last year, and within a short time they were using it like pros. I anticipate the same for you. This is just one steppingstone from a beautiful path to help prepare you for your journey to middle school the following year.

Please be sure to read the sixth-grade supply list found on the Welcome Page of the sixth-grade School Wires site. Everyone will need these items for the first day of school. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and hearing all about your good reads and adventures! Until then, enjoy every minute of summer! See you on Monday, August 30th!

With love and lots of excitement,

Mrs. Doyle

