



Summer 2023

Dear New 6F Classmate,

A happy and excited hello! Welcome to SIXTH grade and to our class! I hope that you and your families are having a wonderful summer and preparing for a FABULOUS final year at Warwick, class of 2024. I am so excited to be working with not only you but also your parents as well! Sixth grade is a wonderful year filled with growth, responsibility, and independence. I hope you enjoyed our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Move Up Day! It was fun to get to meet all of you at the end of the school year! We have the BEST sixth-grade class, I feel so lucky! 😊😊

I hope that you are having a great summer relaxing with your family and friends and taking some well-deserved time off. My summer was filled with new adventures, friends, and my wonderful family. I loved the summer days and nights watching Jack, my eight-year-old son, run for hours outside, pick tomatoes and zucchini in the garden, search for the best seashells on the shore, and continue to be the BEST big brother to his little sister Claire. This past summer he continued to perfect the use of his goggles and diving under water at his Mom Mom and Pop Pop's pool. We also discovered that Claire loves the pool just as much as Jack did at her age! We spent countless hours there relaxing and enjoying our time together as a family. We were also lucky enough to go to the Outer Banks, North Carolina this year making wonderful new memories which is a family tradition of ours. One of my favorite parts of vacation was watching Jack really enjoy the ocean, finding his balance within the waves, and Claire spending hours digging in the sand. I cannot wait to share some more of my fun with you when school starts, and you can start thinking about what you would like to share about your summer too with all of us!

We are going to have a wonderful year together. You will be learning so many NEW and INTERESTING things in science, social studies, math, reading, and writing. The connections that you will find throughout our school year are endless. We will also be reading many great books together! I love to read and enjoy how imaginative reading can be! Hopefully, you have been filling up your summer reading list with some of your favorites! I am always looking for great suggestions for new books to read, as I am sure that many of your classmates are as well. The very first book read from my "summer stack" of books was A Work in Progress by Jarrett Lerner. His main character, Will, is a young boy who struggles with his body image while on his own journey of self-acceptance. It's a poignant book told through prose, verse, and illustration, a beautiful blend. It's a tear-jerker.

I cannot wait for the **first day of school** for the beginning of a fun-filled sixth grade learning experience on **Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Now, have a wonderful rest of your summer. Relax, enjoy a good book, and most importantly, have fun spending time with your family and friends! I hope that you are ready to learn and grow with me. I am so excited for the new school year, and I hope you are too! I am truly honored and blessed to be your teacher! Woohoo, sixth-grade class of 2024!!!!

Love,  
Mrs. Finelli

P.S. If you would like to write to me before we formally meet, I would absolutely LOVE to hear from you. Please feel free to tell me a little bit about yourself and what adventures you have had this summer in a letter or even send a postcard from a favorite vacation spot! I LOVE collecting the postcards to share with our class during the first weeks of school!

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I will be checking my mailbox at school in August anxiously awaiting your letters or postcards! I love collecting postcards from all of you!