

August 24, 2020

Dear 6W Parents/Guardians:

We want to welcome you and your child to Lamberton Middle School and especially to the 6W Team. We recognize that this school year comes with so many unknowns and uncertainty, but we want you to know that we will do our very best to make it a great year despite these challenges.

We expect that these activities will look differently this year, but we are still looking forward to an exciting year filled with a variety of academic, social, and sports activities. We hope that you will encourage your child to experience the many opportunities that are available. It's always a delight to see the children's growth in this first year of middle school.

We have high expectations in the academic areas. We see that the most successful students are those who are prepared for class each day. Each student needs to keep up with assignments and come to school equipped to work. As you have likely already heard, the majority of work and communication this year will take place on Schoology. We realize that most sixth graders have never used Schoology before, so our top priority in the first days/weeks of school will be helping students learn to navigate this platform.

Even though we are preparing to do most work digitally, we would still suggest your child have the following supplies (these items will be for YOUR child, so feel free to label them):

- A set of colored pencils
- Pencils and at least one pen
- Highlighter
- Low-odor dry erase markers
- Ear buds or headphones with a cord
- Zipper pencil/storage pouch
- 4 or 5 folders for storing papers **Please note, we have REMOVED trapper keeper or large binder from the list this year. We anticipate much less (maybe very little) paper use this year, and a large trapper keeper/binder may not be necessary. However, please use your own discretion if you feel strongly about a specific organization system for your child.

**In an effort to eliminate shared supplies, we are suggesting that each student keep a zipper pouch (listed above) with their materials this year. This would be an ideal place to store a few pencils, a pen, one highlighter, one dry erase marker, ear buds, and possibly a pack of colored pencils. Because students will not be using lockers, there will be nowhere to keep extra supplies. Ideally, a student will keep items in their pencil pouch and replenish them from home as needed.

We view teaching as a privilege, so your child is very important to us. Our hope is that this year will be a memorable one for all the best reasons. Please reach out at any time with questions or concerns.

We can't wait to meet you all in person, but for now, feel free to check out our welcome videos [here!](#)

Sincerely,

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