

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to 7th Grade Team Cornell! We are looking forward to an awesome 2017-2018 school year, and are anxious to get to know each and everyone of you! We hope you are enjoying your summer, but as the school year approaches, it is time to start thinking about getting ready for your new learning experiences. Let us introduce ourselves: Miss Blais, Science; Miss Gibson, Language Arts; Mr. Gregoire, special education; Miss Levesque, Social Studies; and Mr. Morey, Math.

Language Arts: This year in Language Arts, I am looking forward to having lots of fun! Literature Circles, Argumentative Writing, Poetry, Plot, Conflict, Theme and Vocabulary are just a few of the things we will focus on. In alignment with the Common Core, we will also focus on citing textual evidence, and close reading strategies. Independent reading is required and will help to further develop and strengthen individual reading fluency and comprehension while enhancing critical thinking skills and a love for reading.

Math: Seventh grade math emphasizes cooperative learning, problem solving and critical thinking skills. Real and rational numbers, algebraic expressions and equations, proportions, geometry, probability, and statistics are the major topics.

Science: Focus is on Earth, Life, and Physical Science. Units of study will include Ecology, Weather & Water, Planetary Science and Force & Motion. Throughout each unit we will use an inquiry-based approach to learning.

Social Studies: Students will dive into the first half of American history and explore how America has taken on various forms as it has developed politically, socially, economically, and militarily from the creation of the Constitution through the first world war. We will explore this through the use of reading for a purpose, simulations, discussions, primary source analysis, videos, and much more. We will work together to connect the ideas of manifest destiny to most of the units throughout the year, as well as connect current events to the content we are studying.

You will find a suggested list of school supplies on the back of this letter. It is essential that all students come to class everyday with the necessary tools to facilitate learning. While not all supplies are required, having them in class will only enhance the educational process.

If you have any questions or concerns, the most efficient way to contact us is via email. The best times to reach us are between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

We anxiously await your arrival and anticipate that this will be a fabulous year! If you have any questions, email is the best way to get in touch with us. Once again, Welcome to 7th Grade Team Cornell!

Sincerely,

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Grade 7
Team Cornell Supply List
2017-2018

- Writing instruments (*both pens & pencils – please replenish throughout year*)
- 2 three-ring binders (*1.5 inch in size*) for Math and LA
- 1 three-ring binder (*2 inch in size*) for Social Studies
- 1 three-ring binder (size of your choice) for Science
- College-ruled filler paper for all binders
- 2 packages of 5-tab dividers for binders (1 for LA and 1 for Social Studies)
- 1 spiral bound notebook for LA
- 1 notebook and 1 folder (of your choice) for Science
- 1 composition book (either quad ruled/graph or regular lined) for Science
- scientific calculator (*your cell phone may have one*)
- ruler with centimeters
- pouch for writing instruments
- colored pencils
- 1 pkg. Expo whiteboard markers for Math
- highlighters
- colored markers
- fine point permanent colored markers (*sharpie*)
- glue sticks/glue (*please replenish throughout the school year*)
- scissors

Optional Items:

- flash drive *
- pencil tip erasers (*please replenish throughout the year*)
- textbook cover for social studies text (*handed out during Q2*)

Helpful Home Resources:

- word processor/internet access, either at home or the town library

* We use the cloud-based *G Suite for Education* which consists of applications such as Google Drive, Google Docs (word processing), Google Slides (presentations), Google Classroom (virtual learning), Gmail, Google Spreadsheets, etc. So long as your child has internet access through, they can use these resources anywhere with their SAU Google account.

~ *Keep an eye out for back-to-school deals in August!* ~