

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to an exciting year of school working with this year's students. I know there is a lot of uncertainty going into a new school year, so I want to provide you with important contact information and announcements to begin the year.

I am your child's 6th grade ELA teacher. I am looking forward to sharing my love of reading and writing with your child. This year we will read a number of wonderful books and learn to use writing to reflect upon what we have read. Our units will be split into reading and writing workshops, kicking off the year with a book study of *The Giver* in which we will review reading strategies and practice our literature discussion skills. Students will complete spelling/vocabulary work with the *Words Their Way* spelling program, and we will be exploring grammar using the *Patterns of Power* program.

Please know that we will use Google Classroom daily this year. I will be enabling the guardian feature on Google Classroom to share weekly updates with home, so please be on the lookout for an email with an invitation to participate over the next few weeks. Important assignment information and announcements will be posted to Google Classroom. Don't hesitate to email me at adumont@sedomocha.org or contact me at school, (207) 564-6535, if you have any questions or need clarification.

6th grade students will be provided with the schedule for their learning environments and Unified Arts rotations. Students are responsible for completing work that was not completed during the allotted class and structured study time. Please let me know if there are circumstances that have led to unfinished work. I appreciate your communication and support.

Students are expected to read every night for at least 20 minutes. I have a library available in my classroom that students will have access to during ELA and Eagle Time. This year I will send book orders home digitally with students. If you are interested in ordering you can order online (<https://orders.scholastic.com/LJKBW>) with the class code LJKBW.

I look forward to a great year with the class of 2032!

Thank you,

Alexis Dumont