

Welcome



August 2025

Dear Sixth Grader,

Welcome to the Emerald Team! We hope your summer has been filled with exciting times... and, of course, some reading and math facts here and there!! We will all be working as a team to teach you your core subjects this year. We're lucky enough to have Mrs. Walker, the Emerald Team's learning specialist, working to also support your learning.

As you move from Richardson/Olmsted to the Middle School, there are many questions that students and parents have. We hope this letter will answer some of these questions and assist you in making a smooth transition to Easton Middle School!

Some things will be the same as in grade 5, but there are also some big differences. One big change is that you will no longer have a cubby for your school supplies. However, you will get a locker! We will provide you with a combination lock and will teach you how to use it during the first few days of school. As we're sure you're aware, it is important that you are well-rested each day. You may bring a snack and water to class, but sharing food is not allowed in the classroom. Additional school and classroom guidelines will be discussed at a class meeting led by Mr. Carroll and by your classroom teachers.

In ELA, we will use the *Wit and Wisdom* reading program, which involves investigating various genres, while focusing on effective skills and strategies to improve your reading and writing. In Social Studies, we will travel thousands of years back in time to discover ancient civilizations. In Math, we will work with topics such as algebra, geometry, graphing, and measurement. In Science, we will study earth, life, and physical sciences, as well as engineering and science practices. We will ALL focus on organizational and study skills. We are looking forward to a productive, successful year!

If you haven't already, you will be receiving information soon from the guidance department regarding your schedule. On the first day of school, **Wednesday, September 3rd**, you can head straight to your "A Block" class. We will be outside of our rooms ready to greet you! Please make sure your school-issued chromebook is charged and ready to go on the first day, and every day.

Parents, we would like to begin by getting to know your child better. To do so, we ask you to take a moment to email us about your child. Your thoughts about the following items as they relate to your child will be most valuable: academic strengths and weaknesses, special talents, hobbies, fears, insecurities, peer relationships, work habits, and/or any goals you wish for your child this year. This would be greatly appreciated! (mconnolly@easton.k12.ma.us, mbtrizida@easton.k12.ma.us, kwalker@easton.k12.ma.us)

You will love 6th Grade...WE do!

Below, we have listed some supplies that will help you to get off to a great start in sixth grade.

Please try to have all of these items **by the first day of school**, if possible, or by Monday, September 8th, at the latest. *Consider this your first homework assignment of the new school year!!*

<u>Amount Needed:</u>	<u>Item:</u>
1	Headphones (Ones that you have tested and work with your device!) You will need these regularly.
5	Colored folders (red, blue, green, yellow, and other)
1	Three-subject notebook (Social Studies, ELA, and Science)
1	1-subject Graph Paper Notebook (Math)
Lots!	Sharpened Pencils
As Needed	Pencil Erasers
1	Handheld Pencil Sharpener
2	Highlighters (different colors)
1	Box of crayons and/or colored pencils
2	Black Sharpies for projects (ultra fine or thin)
1	Pencil pouch or Zipper-bag (<i>No boxes. please.</i>)
2	Dry erase markers and eraser
4	Glue sticks
1	Pair of scissors
1	A basic calculator
1	Refillable water bottle (daily)
1	Tissues, paper towels, wipes, etc. for classroom

On the first day of school, we will be waiting for you outside of our classrooms!
We can't wait to meet you!



Ms. Connolly, Ms. Brizida, and Mrs. Walker