

Welcome to Team W!

Seventh Grade Facts:

- Seventh grade is made up of three teams: A, B, and W. You will be part of Team W this year.
- Each team has over 100 students, which increases the chances that some of your friends will be on the team with us.
- Mr. Stebbins is back as your guidance counselor.

Dear Team W student,

Welcome to 7th grade! We hope that this newsletter finds you relaxing on the beach, playing on a ball field, or on a fun-filled family vacation. While we want you to thoroughly enjoy your summer we would also like to take a moment to introduce ourselves and give you some information about what to expect in seventh grade.

Science:

Mrs. Pida will be your science teacher this year. The focus of your science class is the study of life – from microscopic cells all the way to the human body. Seventh grade science is very much “hands on,” so be ready to roll up your sleeves for some exciting labs. One thing you may find interesting about Mrs. Pida is that she went to middle school right here in Fairfield.

Language Arts:

Mrs. Formato and Mrs. Malecky teach language arts for Team W. Here is where you will do quite a bit of writing – anything from creative pieces to argumentative essays. You will also examine character growth and change in the novels and short stories you read. Mrs. Formato is the biggest bookworm you will ever meet. She read over one hundred books just this past year! Mrs. Malecky is thrilled all 7th grade students will have their own device this year. She plans to incorporate technology into the curriculum in new and exciting ways!

Social Studies:

Mr. Mangieri teaches social studies for Team W. In social studies, you will keep up on current events and issues that affect our world. You will also study population and various cultures through group activities and technology-based projects. You may recognize Mr. Mangieri from the basketball games here at FWMS (he’s the coach). He spends most of his free time playing with his Great Dane puppy, Morty.

Math:

Ms. Collins will be your math teacher this year. Here is where you will fine-tune your skills on fractions, decimals, and percents, and then begin to solve more complex word problems. You will also develop your problem solving skills and challenge yourself to think about your thinking. There isn’t anyone who loves math as much as Ms. Collins does. And she makes learning it FUN! She even hopes to pass along her love of numbers to her two daughters.

Team W Supply List:

- 1 ½" or 2" separate binder for math
- 1" or 1 ½" separate binder for science
- 1" or 1 ½" shared binder for social studies and language arts
- 2 pocket folder for language arts
- loose leaf paper
- independent reading book for language arts and homeroom
- spiral notebook for language arts
- spiral notebook for social studies
- pens and pencils
- scientific calculator
- headphones or earbuds
- summer math packet
- language arts bookmark
- (optional items) homework folder, glue stick, highlighters, red pens, post-its

We find that separate binders work better for most students. However, you know your child best. If you feel a single, larger binder is a better organizational option, please feel free to purchase one of those.

Parents:

Please make sure you have access to Infinite Campus.

Assignments, grades, and other important announcements can all be accessed via Infinite Campus.

We know that you are so ready to be a seventh grader and look forward to meeting you on August 30th. Please say a big welcome from us to your parents, because they are a part of Team W too!

Sincerely,

Your Team W teachers

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