

July 2009

Dear Parents and Students of Team 7M,

Welcome to the “The Milkyways”, Team 7-M, at Western Middle School for the 2009 – 2010 school year! We hope that you had a wonderful summer and are beginning to think about the upcoming school year. During the year, we will begin the day with DEW (Drop Everything and Write). In language arts, we will be studying the genres of mystery, drama, myths and legends and memoirs. In math, we will be continuing in the Impact Math series in Course 2, learning more concepts necessary for algebra. In science, we will be studying changes in matter and properties of matter, the water cycle, cells, energy. And finally in social studies, we will be learning about Europe, Asia and Africa. Our team is made up of five teachers: Mrs. Gomez, (Social Studies), Mrs. Martin, (Language Arts), Mrs. Raffa, (Resource/ all academic subjects); Mrs. Manwell, (Science), and Mrs. Micsak, (Math).

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Students are to report to their first period class at 7:30 A.M., where the teachers will explain the team procedures and pass out lockers. The students will be meeting all of their teachers, including exploratory teachers, and attending all classes on the first day. The school year will be challenging, but we’ll all get through it together.

We realize the key to a successful year for all of our students is keeping the lines of communication open. Curriculum Night will be held in September; specific times will be announced in the Western Middle School Welcome letter. During Curriculum Night, you’ll have an opportunity to meet the teachers and be informed of the class/homework expectations for the school year. Our individual planning time is daily during first period, (7:45 – 8:35 A.M.). Please feel free to call any of us at 662-4489. We would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Here is a list of supplies students will need to begin the school year.

Language Arts – 1 two pocket folders with loose leaf paper, pencils/pens

Math – Students will each need a three ring binder, with loose leaf paper, and pencils. It is recommended that each student have a scientific calculator of their own, (basic model for under \$10.00).

Science – 2 two pocket folders with loose leaf paper, pencil/pens, colored pencils

Social Studies – 2 70 count Spiral 1 subject notebooks, two pocket folders for papers, colored pencils, and pencils/pens.

2 boxes of Kleenex for classroom use

**Keep in mind that students need folders, paper, pencils and pens for each day of the school year. These are necessary items needed in order to complete day to day assignments. Without supplies, students will not be successful.

We look forward to meeting the students on September 4th and their parents on Curriculum night.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. S. Gomez

Mrs. L. Manwell

Mrs. S. Martin

Mrs. M. Micsak

Mrs. S. Raffa