



June 2017

Dear Grade Six Families,

Greetings from the grade six team! We are looking forward to meeting our new students this coming school year in our new building at 59 Armstrong Road. Keeping the grade six guiding question, “How Can I Connect with Others?” in mind, we stress the importance of developing a positive connection with each other through teambuilding exercises. We start the year with several team building activities during the first week of school. Early in September, we plan to visit Bay End Farm where students will take part in several activities related to nature, community service, and awareness of food production and waste.

This summer, the grade six community will be reading *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar, author of the popular book *Holes* and the “Wayside School” series. In *Fuzzy Mud*, a pair of middle schoolers take a detour through the woods on their way home from school and encounter a strange substance that turns out to be more harmful than they expect. Main characters Tamaya and Marshall must figure out how to escape the effects of this mysterious “fuzzy mud,” while confronting more typical challenges like school bullies and shifting friendships. Students should come to school in the fall having read the book and prepared to discuss it in various Advisory and team building activities, as well as English Language Arts class. Parents are encouraged to read and discuss the book with their child.

In grade six, we encourage our students to become more independent. Each subject area teacher will outline expectations for his/her class at the beginning of the year. Overall, students are expected to practice being self-directed learners. For example, they should be working towards filling in their agenda each day without direct oversight from their advisor. Students are also encouraged to take the initiative to seek extra help from their teachers if they have questions, or are confused about homework, classwork or academic expectations. Parents can help by encouraging their child grow to be more personally responsible and independent.

Additionally, please find a copy of required supplies that each student will need throughout the school year. Please make sure that your child brings the items for the first day of school.

We thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rising Tide at (508) 747-2620.

Have a wonderful summer,  
The Grade Six Team

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Supply List 2016-2017

- 6 1 inch 3 ring binders
- 30 dividers
- 2 composition notebooks
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 single subject spiral notebook
- 1/4 inch graph paper for math binder, or a spiral bound graph notebook
- Post-It notes
- inexpensive earbuds or headphones
- several packages of loose leaf paper
- several packages of low odor dry-erase markers
- 4 packages of 3 ½ x 5 index cards in separate Ziploc bags
- 4 packages #2 pencils with extra erasers (Please make sure your child has enough pencils for the duration of the school year)
- hand-held plastic pencil sharpener with cover
- 1 double-sided ruler (standard and metric)
- 4 boxes of tissues
- 1 canister of disinfecting wipes

\*\*\* We Recommend that students have personal belongings such as lunch bags, jackets, and water bottles labeled in the event that they become misplaced over the course of the year.