Welcome to 6th Grade!

We are excited to meet you and work with you next year! We hope you have a wonderful summer and we will see you in August!!

Meet the Teachers:

We have an amazing team of teachers in sixth grade. You will have a chance to get to know each of them as we work and play together!

Miss Ma - Chinese Immersion

Mrs. Ma has taught for 5 years in the Chinese Immersion program at Wasatch.

Mr. Scribner - Chinese Immersion-English

Mr. Scribner has taught 6th grade at Wasatch for 6 years.

Mrs. Liu - Chinese Immersion

This is Mrs. Liu's second year teaching $5^{th}/6^{th}$ grade Chinese Immersion classes at Wasatch.

Mrs. Anderson-Chinese Immersion-English

Joining us from 5th Grade, Mrs. Miner will be teaching the 5th/6th Chinese Immersion classes.

Mrs. Story - English

This will be Mrs. Story's second year teaching 6th grade, and sixth year at Wasatch.

Mrs. Isom - English

Mrs. Isom has taught sixth grade at Wasatch for 13 years.

What you need to know about Sixth Grade Curriculum:

<u>Science</u>: This next year we are excited to be working on our new Utah State Science Core, which focuses on exploration through both scientific thought and engineering process. We will have many opportunities to explore these new concepts through "STEM" activities and lessons.

<u>Language Arts</u>: We have a long tradition of great readers and writers at Wasatch, a tradition that we in 6th grade work hard to promote. You will have the opportunity to participate in "Book Groups" and book discussions. We also focus on argumentative and expository writing.

<u>Social Studies</u>: In 6th grade we learn about World History. We will learn about Ancient China, Ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, the Middle Ages, and Revolutions around the World.

Students will also participate in Music, Keyboarding, Library, P.E., as well as other activities and classes.

Major 6th Grade Events:

Wasatch Science Fair (November)
Medieval Checklist/Feast (January-February)
BYU Sports Hero Day (January)
Space Simulator Field Trip (varies)

Writers' Olympics (March)
Wasatch Art Show (May)
Maypole Dance (May)
Sixth Grade Graduation (May)

How to Prepare for 6th Grade:

- 1. READ, READ, READ, and READ some more!!
- 2. Practice Writing (journal, letters, , stories, anything!)
- 3. Practice your Times Tables and Math Facts!
- 4. Have Fun! Be creative! Enjoy the Summer!

Summer Reading and Science Challenge:

Make a list of the books you read this summer, bring that list to school in August, and your teacher will have a prize for you!

Answer the following questions and bring your answers to your teacher in August for a prize!

The longest day of the year will happen during the summer. When is that day? What is it called? What makes it the longest day? (Hint: It's not because the earth is closest to the sun.)

When is the shortest day of the year and what is it called?

BONUS: When is the earth closest to the sun?

Class Donations:

In order to help facilitate the activities and field trips we will attend in 6^{th} grade, we are asking for a \$25 donation. Donations of any amount are welcome at any time during the year.

Notice: All donations are optional. No Elementary Student will be prohibited from participating in class activities or field trips based on lack of or size of donation funds.

What to Bring:

Notice: The items on this list are optional. No Elementary School students may be required to bring any of these supplies to school. This list is compiled solely to provide information to parents or guardians who wish to voluntarily furnish supplies for student use. Equivalent supplies will be furnished by the school to all students free of charge as necessary.

Communal Classroom Supplies

(These supplies the teacher will make available to all students as needed for classroom activities)

Lined Paper (college-ruled)
White Copy Paper
Facial Tissue
Pencils

Colored Markers
Dry Erase Markers
Cap Erasers
Scissors
White glue

Suggested Individual Items:

Backpack

1/2-inch binder for homework

Composition notebooks, 2

Colored pencils

Ultra-fine dry erase markers

Earbuds or small headphones, labeled

with your child's name

Pencil box, hard plastic is best

Communal Science Materials

(These supplies will be helpful in our hands-on STEM activities.)

Re-sealable Plastic Zip-top bags (gallon,

quart, or sandwich size)

Paper Towels

Sticky Notes

Aluminum Foil

Pipe Cleaners

Permanent Markers

Empty Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Rolls

Duct Tape, variety of colors

Blue Masking Tape

STEAM Wishlist

popsicle sticks

toothpicks

styrofoam

Zip Cutter

compass (circle measurer)

rubber cement

awl

cotton balls

floral foam

plastic cups

Rubber bands

wire

Zip ties

Packing peanuts

Gloves

Infrared thermometer