



Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Welcome to sixth grade! I am so excited for this year to get started. There are so many fun things that are a part of the sixth grade year!

My name is Stephen Combs and I'll be teaching sixth grade language arts and social studies this year. I believe that sixth grade's focus on the ancient world and literature will be an outstanding partnership to learn about our world and its early histories. Sixth grade's curriculum grants us a great opportunity to wander through the ages and peek at some of history's most exciting civilizations. Our adventure will begin in Mesopotamia, and end centuries later during the Middle Ages.

Outside of school, I love to read, play sports, fly-fish, and spend time with my friends and family. I share a true passion for the outdoors, and think that our best learning comes when we look outside of the classroom. I am looking forward to a great year, and am excited to share this keystone Meadowbrook experience with your children.

My name is Kelsey Harp. Mathematics is my passion, so I am very excited to share that with you and your child! This year is also exciting for me as my daughter, Mary, will be in first grade here and my son, Shea, will be in pre-kindergarten. I am very excited to have them at school with me and part of the Meadowbrook community. I also have a two year old at home! Outside of school, I love the beach and all things Philadelphia sports! My husband and I love attending Phillies and Eagles games together. As a family we love going to the beach, biking, hiking, and being outside! I am going to work to build a strong positive relationship with your child, but also between your child and mathematics. Math sometimes gets a bad rap and an eye roll from people, but I want your child to be so confident and fluent in math that numbers are second nature to him or her. But in order to do that, I ask that you include your child in things at home that involve math. Are you getting a new fence? Have your child help measure and estimate the amount of fence you will be ordering, then have them even calculate the estimated price! Are you doubling a recipe? Have your child help you figure out the new amounts of the ingredients. Have your child figure out the change they should receive if they are ordering an ice cream treat and given \$5. These are just a few ideas. We do more math than we think on a daily basis, so thinking about it outloud can help us build number sense in children.

Sixth grade is full of a lot of excitement! Some of the highlights include: The Hobby Show, The Medieval Festival, leading the Mardi Gras performance, the Sparta vs. Athens Debate, participating in D.A.R.E. with local police officers, having Pre-Kindergarten buddies, and of course Graduation!

If you need to contact me, my email is scombs@themeadowbrookschoool.org. I hope you all get a chance to enjoy some of your favorite activities this summer and will be ready to share one of them with us all at the Hobby Show! I cannot wait to meet, teach and learn alongside your child this year!

Sincerely,
Stephen Combs
and Kelsey Harp

6th Grade SUPPLY LIST

~8 Folders labeled with name and student name:

- Homework
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Math
- Independent Work
- 2 World Language folders (Spanish & French)

~4 Spiral Notebook labeled with name and student name:

- Writing
- Math
- Word Study
- Social Studies

~3 composition notebooks

~Clipboard

~8 Glue sticks

~A ruler

~3-inch hardcover binder

~2-inch hardcover binder

~1 pack of binder dividers

~1 pack wide-ruled lined paper

~2 regular black Sharpies (permanent marker)

~2 thin black Sharpies

~4 pack of dry erase markers

~A 12 pack of pencils

~2 erasers

~4 black or blue ink pens

~Markers

~Crayons

~Colored pencils

~ Paint brushes

~Multimedia Art pad

~Small container for water to be used to watercolor in art

~Scissors

~3 rolls of Scotch tape

~White out

~2 different colored highlighters

~A bottle of hand sanitizer

~A box to put extra supplies in to keep in their desk or locker

~A folder holder or magazine holder to use beside their desk that can fit all of their folders and notebooks

~2 boxes of tissues

~2 containers of cleaning wipes

~1 bottle of hand sanitizer

~Wired earbuds (NOT headphones, please)

~A wired or wireless mouse for Chromebook (if possible)