

Park Middle School  
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Dear Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grader (and Parents and Guardians),

This coming year is an important step toward your academic success. We anticipate a year of tremendous learning, growth, and maturity. Imagine, in little more than a year, you will be entering high school!

As many of you know – whether you have an illustrious career in professional sports or you’re simply an 8<sup>th</sup> grader here at Park – your team performs best when it is prepared for the season ahead. To that end, in order to get you ready for your upcoming classes, we are recommending that you come to school on September 4 with the following materials. In addition, we ask that you continually supply these materials throughout the school year.

**English**

- 200 3X5 index cards (any color, preferably with lines on at least one side)
- 2-3 packs of the small (tab size) Post-it notes
- 1 composition book (preferably marbled black-and-white cover, but any color will do) - Mrs. Fitzgerald
- 4-5 highlighters of different colors
- A supply of pencils and blue or black pens
- A pack of lined white composition paper (college ruled or not, holes or no holes) - Mrs. Fitzgerald
- A 3-subject spiral notebook with folders – Ms. Liana
- 1 separate folder – Ms. Liana
- 1 box of tissues – Ms. Liana
- Optional, but **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**: a USB flash drive (2G-4G) for sharing files between home computers and classroom laptops.

**Mathematics**

- A 3-ring binder (1-inch size is fine) to use for math only. Your binder should be divided into three sections:
  1. *Problem of the Day/Do Now*
  2. *Notes and Homework* – includes math vocabulary, sample homework problems done in class, and all homework assignments with section, date, and page number in the upper right hand side of the paper. Include a pocket folder to keep worksheets in. Always have some lined paper in each section of the binder.
  3. *NJ ASK8 Prep* – includes NJ ASK8 problems of the day and worksheets in a pocket folder.
- Two pencils with erasers

**Science**

- A red marbled composition book (NOT a 3-ring binder or spiral notebook)
- A red pocket folder for handouts and worksheets
- Two (working) pens and/or two 0.7 mm mechanical pencils

**World History & Cultures**

- A 3-ring binder (1/2- or 1-inch size w/ a flexible cover is fine) divided into 4 sections. This binder is strictly for social studies. The sections are to be labeled: *Class Info*, *Handouts*, *Notes*, and *Graded Work*.
- A folder with pockets. You will keep this in the front of your binder; it should be 3-hole punched.
- Lined 3-hole punched paper, which you will use for taking notes. Always keep some blank sheets of lined paper in the *Notes* section of your binder.
- A blue or black ink pen, a sharpened pencil with eraser, and a highlighter.
- A small set of colored pencils (you may keep these at home).
- A jumbo size book sox or a sturdy paper bag to cover your textbook.

Additional information concerning each classroom’s policies and procedures will be distributed during the first week of school.

We look forward to meeting you as we embark on a successful academic year. See you in September!

Yours truly,  
Your 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers