



August 20, 2021

Dear families,

Welcome back! We're glad to have you with us on the Discovery team again. Working with students for two years is something we value highly, as eighth grade presents an opportunity to continue building rapport among teachers, parents, and students.

This year we are going to focus on making sure students are where they need to be in order to move on to high school next year. We have very high expectations for students and want them to gain independence and executive functioning skills. We understand that there may be some gaps in skills due to our unprecedented school year in seventh grade, so please know this is something we are planning for.

This year we are going to focus on building cohesion and community as a team. We want the Discovery Team to have a foundation of respect and kindness, and we especially want our students to take ownership for their behavior and work.

Due to Covid restrictions, we regret not being able to meet families in-person in seventh grade. We are excited to invite you to a team open house on Tuesday, August 31 from 6:30-7:30PM. We are looking forward to meeting you—without having to click on a Zoom link! We will send specific event details soon. We understand that families have many different time commitments, but we are hoping to meet as many of you as possible.

We are so looking forward to our eighth grade school year with your students. We will continue to communicate team announcements and specific class information via an emailed newsletter. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns as we head into the start of the school year.

Sincerely,

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Discovery Team Materials List

Required

- Basic calculator
- Pencils and pens for the year
- Earbuds or headphones
- A zipping backpack to carry all materials including binders, notebooks, chromebook. . .
- Science** - The FHTMS Science Department has purchased each student a composition book **BUT** if you want your own with a color different than black, then feel free to purchase your own 100-page composition notebooks (different color/ pattern than Social Studies) **Please do not get a spiral or glued notebook.**
- Social Studies** - 100-page composition notebooks (different color/ pattern than science). **Please do not get a spiral or glued notebook.**
- Math**- One 100-page **graph paper** composition notebook (quad ruled). **Please do not get a glued notebook as the pages fall out.** Students may choose to reuse their notebooks from last year
- L.A.**- folder or small binder for keeping ELA papers and handouts.

Optional

- A set of markers or colored pencils
- Paper planner

Please label supplies and let the team know if you have questions or concerns about purchasing these items.