Welcome to Team MOSAIC!

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to sixth grade at MTMS!

We look forward to meeting and working with you as you embark on your first year in the middle school.

Our team name—Mosaic—reflects that individuals have different perspectives. Just as mosaic tiles work together to produce a work of art, we share our talents, abilities and points of view to create a larger “mosaic” - our team.

Sixth grade will be a year of new experiences, with an interesting and challenging curriculum as well as opportunities for you to meet new friends and participate in many team activities. Please share your concerns with us; we are here to help you. Come with a smile and a positive attitude!

Sincerely, Your Team Mosaic Teachers

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**Genesis & Homework Websites**

All grades & progress reports are posted in Genesis, an online gradebook. Paper copies are not sent home.

- Genesis (Parental signup is mandatory - see main office for instructions): [https://parents.monroe.k12.nj.us/](https://parents.monroe.k12.nj.us/)
- Team Mosaic Site: [http://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/domain/559](http://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/domain/559)
- Team Mosaic Homework Page: [http://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/Page/8521](http://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/Page/8521)

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- **O**: Open-minded
- **S**: Supportive
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- **C**: Cooperative

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Team Mosaic meets daily 8:15-8:40 during 1st period. Please feel free to contact us at the email addresses listed, or by phone at (732) 521– 6042.
Binders & Backpacks

Backpacks are not allowed in the classrooms. Because of this, students have a choice of how to organize their binders. The following are 3 recommended choices:

1. 1 binder for each class (1/2 – 1 inch each)
2. 1 binder for ALL classes (5+ inch zipper)
3. 2 binders: One for before lunch, one for after lunch classes (2 inch each)

*Math requires its own 1.5-2 inch binder.

When purchasing backpacks keep in mind the size as they will be left in the lockers throughout the school day. No wheelie backpacks will be allowed.

Supplies for All Subjects:

- Zippered pencil case
- Three packs of subject dividers
- Loose-leaf paper
- Homework folder
- Index cards
- Highlighters
- Ink pens (blue, black & colored)
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Expo marker

Additional Supplies for ELA:

- Post-its
- Two Gallon-size Zip Lock bag
- Two Marble Composition Notebooks
- Scotch tape
- Glue stick
- Additional pocket folder

Please keep in mind that these supplies need to be replenished throughout the year. Check with your child from time to time.

Team Mosaic T-Shirt

Our shirts are the team colors of white and green. It features “Team Mosaic” on the front, as well as a mosaic turtle shell on the back. Order forms will be distributed within the first few weeks. We wear our shirts during Team Days and to show pride.

Summer Math Packets

For ALL math classes, students will be required to complete a summer packet, which highlights the skills necessary to move to the next grade level. In these packets are skills that students should have mastered by the end of their previous year. Please remember to work on your math packet throughout the summer. Students are required to complete these packets to the best of their ability. Packet copies and resources are available on the MTMS website.

After reviewing the packet in class, an assessment will be administered to test students’ skills in early September.

Summer Reading

Students should read books of their choice by authors they love. To help narrow the search, a letter of requirements and a suggested list has been prepared to view on the Monroe Township Middle School webpage under 2019 Summer Assignments. Over the summer, students should read a volume of text and engage actively with their reading. Therefore, students should prepare to come to class in September with evidence that they have been asking questions, marking the text, keeping post-it notes, maintaining a reading log or reader’s notebook, or reading and writing reviews of books, etc. Students should come to class in September ready to engage in learning activities that will utilize the various books read over the summer. Happy reading!