



## NEW PALTZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Reading is essential for academic success in school, as well as, in everyday life. Summer provides an excellent opportunity for students to read books that they are interested in and are on their reading level. If they are a part of the selection of the book, they may be more motivated to read. The New Paltz community has several good libraries and bookstores that provide an extensive variety of choices. Have your child select a book and then read a few pages to determine if the level is satisfactory. If you want additional help in book selection, visit the Middle School Library web page.

In September, sixth graders will share their summer reading. For this sharing your child will need a copy of the book and be prepared to discuss their book with their peers.

Please encourage your child to read every day. Enclosed also is a 2017-2018 supply list. Please do not choose the following, because they will potentially be read in class.

- *How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor
- *Eggs* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- *Double Dutch* by Sharon Draper
- *Heat* by Mike Lupica
- *Trapped* by Marc Aronson
- *The Cruisers* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
- *Ninth Ward* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo

Sincerely,

*New Paltz Middle School Sixth Grade Teachers*

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**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUPPLY LIST  
2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

**ACADEMIC SUPPLY LIST**

3 ring heavy duty binder with 3 in. rings  
dividers with tabs (6 total)  
loose-leaf paper  
4 composition notebooks  
pencil pouch  
pens – black/blue  
No. 2 pencils  
erasers  
reinforcements  
package of glue sticks  
highlighters  
post-its – several packs  
pencil sharpener  
1 poly-vinyl pocket folder  
box of tissues (for ELA class)  
**Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS 2-line scientific calculator**

**MUSIC**

sturdy 2 pocket folder – any color  
pencil with eraser  
loose-leaf paper

**CHORUS/BAND**

**CHORUS**

1" black binder  
\*\*Concert attire will be white on top,  
and black on the bottom

**BAND**

1" black binder  
Sound Innovations Book 1, for your  
instrument  
\*\*Concert attire will be white on top,  
and black on the bottom

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

composition notebook  
yellow 2 pocket poly-vinyl folder  
pencils  
erasers  
glue sticks

**ART**

9"x12" Spiral Sketchbook (no lines).  
**This is to be used for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>  
grade.** Pencil with eraser.