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Dear 8th Graders,

As summer winds down, it is time to anticipate the school year ahead. We hope you have enjoyed your vacation, and we will welcome you to 8th grade at the end of the month. This letter outlines the materials you will need for the first day of school.

**MATERIALS:** *Please remember to put your name on all items before you get to school.*

**Assignment Book:** We expect all students to have the Richmond School assignment book: it has an excellent layout for keeping track of daily and long-term assignments. It also contains our Student Handbook and sections on research and technology. The assignment book will be available at the beginning of school.

**Binder:** 3-ring binder with dividers for each subject. As backpacks must stay in your cubbies during the day, many students prefer the sturdy, zip-up type with room for supplies as well.

***Electronics & Valuables:** You are not allowed to use electronic devices like cell phones or iPods during the school day, and we would prefer that they be left at home. If you do bring these or other valuables to school, you might want to have an inexpensive travel lock for one section of your backpack.*

**Paper:** Wide-ruled, lined filler paper (loose - not spiral)

**Math:** Spiral bound graph paper notebook

**Calculator:** Scientific calculator is recommended, but its use will depend on the course.

**French / Spanish:** Paperback Spanish/English or French/English dictionary. Spanish students will need another composition book if your 7th grade one is full.

**Three Small Journals:** 7.5" x 9.75" composition books for English, science, and social studies; please get a different color for each class or plan to decorate them distinctively!

**Assorted Supplies:**

ruler, pens, #2 pencils (tons of them!), and a large eraser  
colored pencils

mini-drive for work/home transfer of writing - optional but highly recommended.

*You can save your work on our server at school, but access from home can sometimes be difficult. USB drives can be used on PC's as well as Macs and are relatively inexpensive if purchased on-line or at one of the discount stores.*

**SUMMER READING:** You should have finished at least two independent reading books before you come to school. The reading list with recommendations is on the RMS website if you have lost the sheet given out last spring. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 1st.

Sincerely,

*The 8th Grade Team*