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Welcome to Grade 6

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The beginning of the new school year is a time to come together as a community to learn, share and grow together. Grade 6 is an important transition year with an increased level of expectations, responsibilities, and challenges. In partnership with you and the Grade 6 team, I look forward to working and learning with your child. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. So, welcome to Grade 6 and Portable #4!



This year, I am teaching Math and English Language to a Grade 6 Blended Class in the mornings. In the afternoons, I am teaching the other subject areas (except for Social Studies and French) to a Grade 6 Extended Class. Some students are just in my AM blended Class OR PM extended class, while some students are in both of my classes. Your child, _____, is in my _____ class.

There are several ways to keep in touch with the class:

Remind: Remind provides a personal, direct way for me to send messages, photos and file links to families. It also allows us to share information without the need for paper. Families are encouraged to sign up to receive Remind messages (see below).

	If your child is in my <i>AM Blended Class</i> ...	If your child is in my <i>PM Extended Class</i> ...
Smartphone	<p>If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.</p> <p>On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/grade6bl.</p> <p>Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.</p>	<p>If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.</p> <p>On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/4h8a6kf.</p> <p>Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.</p>
Not a smartphone	<p>If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @grade6bl to the number (613) 706-4136.</p>	<p>If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @4h8a6kf to the number (613) 706-4136.</p>
No mobile phone	<p>Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/grade6bl on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.</p>	<p>Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/4h8a6kf on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.</p>

*If your child is in both my am and pm class, please join both accounts to stay updated.

Agendas: Each student will receive a new personal agenda on the first day of school. Agendas are a valuable tool to help students build their organizational skills. Students are asked to take responsibility for their own agendas and update them when necessary with important information and homework.

Google: Student work is also accessible from home from your child's Google account. They will have files in either their Google Drive or in a Hapara workspace. Your child is your expert to help you find their work.

Class website: You can find additional information on our class website, <http://msdelormegrade6.weebly.com>. The site is accessible from jer.ocsb.ca, then selecting 'Our School' and selecting my name.

Twitter: Stay connected to some of the wonderful things happening in our classroom and school by following my Twitter account (@MissDelormel) and the St. Jerome Twitter account (@StJeromeOCSB).

Back-to-School Items

Supplies: Each student is asked to come to class each day with a **pencil case with the basic supplies**. Basic supplies include pencils, an eraser, and a small sharpener. If possible, it would be helpful if each student could also bring their own pair of scissors, a glue stick and markers or pencil crayons.

Outdoor & Indoor Shoes: Indoor shoes are essential in the portables. It is extremely hard to keep the portables clean. A **pair of indoor shoes** really helps.

Kleenex & Hand Sanitizer: School brings the beginning of cold and flu season. We are hoping that each student can donate the **box or two of Kleenex and/or hand sanitizer** to share with the class. We'll probably repeat this request after Christmas. It's amazing how much Kleenex we use!

Lunches & Snacks: Several students in our classes have life-threatening allergies. Please ensure all lunches and snacks are **PEANUT & NUT FREE** as several students in the school have life threatening allergies. In addition, we have students with allergies to **shellfish, chickpeas, sesame, dairy and eggs**. Students are asked not to share or swap food brought to school.

Boomerang Lunches: As mentioned above, keeping a portable clean and critter-free is a challenge. Since we don't have easy access to a sink to rinse items, we will not be using a blue bin for plastic food items. We will have a black box for paper and a compost bin. As a result, students will be asked to 'boomerang' their lunch by bringing any leftover packaging from their lunch back home.

Headphones: For hygienic reasons, your child should bring in their own **headphones** to use with the Chromebooks in the class. They can store them in the classroom for the school year in a bag labelled with their name or bring them to and from school each day if they prefer.

Cell Phones: Many students carry cell phones to school. During the school day, students are asked to keep their cell phones in their school bags, unless they are asked to use them in the classroom for a particular task.

Permission Form to volunteer: Volunteers are invaluable. There are new board wide procedures in place for ANY type of volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering this year, all volunteers are required to have a vulnerable police check. Skip the line and apply online at <https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/>. You can use the attached letter in order to complete it for FREE.

That is it for now. Thank you! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ms. Delorme