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Dear Eighth Grade VIKING Student:

Welcome back! We hope your summer is going well and that you are enjoying the pool, beach, baseball fields, malls and whatever else you like to do. However, the start of school is just a few weeks away. For most of you, the Linglestown Middle School routine will not be new, but there are a few things that we would like to tell you about.

First of all, you will be the oldest students in the school, and we will expect you to be positive leaders. You will also be part of the 8th grade VIKINGS team.

Second, to get the new school year off to a good start, we strongly suggest that a three ring binder be used as your primary notebook. This binder should be at least two inches thick so that it can hold the notes for all of your subjects. The binder should have different sections to keep homework, notes, etc. separate throughout the year. Calculators are used in all math classes. You are encouraged to provide your own scientific calculator, preferably with a fraction key (TI-30 iis or TI-34 calculators are best. They can be purchased at most retail stores that carry calculators). Students who are taking geometry will also need to have a quality compass and protractor. In addition, those students who have Mrs. Matte will need a 3 prong pocket folder to create your English Toolbox for the year. If you are unable to purchase these items yourself, they will be provided by the school. A planner in which to record all of your assignments will be supplied.

Finally, we, your core subject teachers, would like to introduce ourselves. Mr. Thomas, your science teacher will dazzle you with the wonders of earth and space science. Ms. Wenrich, your history teacher, is charged up about teaching you American history and geography. Mrs. Matte will illuminate your understanding of the English language. Mrs. Carlisle will electrify you with Math, and Mrs. Weaver will enlighten you in Research and Communication class. In addition, Mrs. Sterbinsky and Mr. Miller and Mr. Parker will be motivating and encouraging to get the best possible out of the gifted and learning support students. We all look forward to meeting you and to having an electrifying school year!

Sincerely,

The 8th grade VIKINGS Teachers