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Dear Sixth Grade Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Mrs. Athanasatos, and I am excited to be your child's 6th Grade ELA and Social Studies teacher. I am looking forward to a year filled with learning, discovery, growth, and success.

Sixth grade is an important transition year as students develop greater independence, strengthen their academic skills, and prepare for the challenges ahead. In our classroom, students will be encouraged to think critically, ask questions, collaborate with others, and persevere when faced with challenges.

In **ELA and Social Studies**, students will build and strengthen their understanding of various texts, looking at the past and present, to write, explain, explore and collaborate this year. They will also be writing and presenting on these texts that will take them to numerous places.

Our year will focus on **reading and writing with purpose**, and on **exploring history** through questions, evidence, and thoughtful discussion — so students grow into confident **readers, writers, and thinkers**. We'll dive into stories, analyze historical events, and practice communicating ideas with clarity and confidence.

Together, we will study exciting topics that help students understand how both subjects impact their everyday lives.

My goal is to create a classroom environment where every student feels safe, respected, supported, and challenged to do their best. I believe that all students can learn and grow when they put forth effort, stay organized, and maintain a positive attitude.

To help ensure success this year, I encourage students to:

- Come to class prepared each day.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Ask questions when they need help.

- Participate actively in class discussions and activities.
- Treat classmates and staff with kindness and respect.

Communication between home and school is very important. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with any questions or concerns. Working together, we can help your child have a successful and rewarding school year.

I am excited to meet everyone and begin this learning journey together. Let's make this an amazing year filled with growth, achievement, and memorable experiences!

We look forward to seeing you at Back-To-School Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 17th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at:
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Sincerely,

Mrs.Athanasatos