To the new 6th Grade Class of OEC and their families!

Welcome to sixth grade! I am Ms. Fong and I will be your homeroom and math teacher next year. Some of you may know me already, but in case you don’t, I wanted to share some of my background with you.

I originally hail from New York and grew up on Long Island. I attended Bryn Mawr College where I studied Math and Education, played lacrosse at the college level, and also worked as a waitress while I went to school. After graduating, I moved back home and attended graduate school at Queens College where I studied Adolescent Special Education. I taught and lived my first few years after college in Brooklyn, NY. After teaching in Brooklyn, I moved to Baltimore for a year to spend time with my now husband. We relocated to the Philadelphia area during the summer of 2020 and I have been at OEC ever since! This will be my seventh year teaching and I am very happy to continue being the sixth grade homeroom teacher.

Some fun facts about me:
- I love the New York Yankees
- I have a dog named Peaches
- I love to dance
- I love to eat all types of food (recommendations are always welcome!)

This year, we will be tackling new and exciting concepts in math such as graphing on coordinate planes, learning about negative numbers, and starting our pre-algebra journey. You should have received a Summer Math Packet. This packet will count as a quiz grade when you come back in September. If you have any questions, you can always reach out to me through email or text. Attached is the supply list for math next year. If you have any trouble getting these materials, please let me know and I can try to help!

In my classroom, I stress the importance of community. I want all of my students to know that they are part of a larger community and that they are each responsible for helping that community become a safe, engaging, and fruitful place where learning can thrive. This means taking responsibility for our actions, learning from our mistakes, uplifting others, and speaking up for what is right.

One more thing: Make sure you bookmark the Middle School Website. Important information, counselor information, and quick links are updated here. https://sites.google.com/philasd.org/oecmiddle

I look forward to meeting you all in September as newly minted sixth graders and I will also be reaching out to your families towards the end of summer to introduce myself!

Sincerely,

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Middle School Math Supplies List

Please note that some items may need to be replenished throughout the school year

Required: (linked are visual examples of the materials, but supplies can come from any store or online retailer)

- 1 2-inch binder
- 2 packs of 100 Index Cards
- 1 Composition notebook
- 4-5 70-page Spiral notebooks - These should only be used for Math. Please keep all but 2 at home so that they can be switched out when notebooks get full.
- 2 folders with holes on the side
- 1 pack of looseleaf (for class)
- 5 24-packs of pencils - Keep packs at home to replenish pencil case when needed. Please no mechanical pencils.
- Block Erasers for pencils and/or pencil toppers
- 2 pairs of Headphones (SUPER IMPORTANT!). Simple, wired headphones for the chromebook work!
- 1 pencil case

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To keep at home for projects throughout the year:
- Glue Sticks
- Ruler
- Tri-fold/poster board
- Markers/crayons

Computers and chargers will be used every day in class. Please make sure that you have a working computer and charger before school starts. If you need assistance, please see: https://www.philasd.org/technology/chromebooks/