Hello families and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. I am looking forward to another great year at OEC. This will be my 7th year at OEC and 22nd working in the School District of Philadelphia. I feel incredibly fortunate to work at a school with a staff as great as ours, and with such wonderful and supportive families.

Once again, this year I will be teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science, as well as providing support through small group instruction in your child’s math class.

The only supplies needed specifically for Science class are the following:

- 1 composition book
- 1 folder with pockets
- 1 roll of scotch tape
- 1 roll of paper towels

Please continue to check in with your child weekly about their supplies (for all classes) that may be gone/lost/used up (such as pencils, paper/notebooks, etc.). Many middle schoolers seem to think their parents are mind readers and should “just know” when they need more supplies. I will continue to assure them that as parents, although we have many skills, mind-reading is not one of them.

It is also important that each student brings a charged Chromebook to school each day. Although I try to use hands on activities to illustrate concepts whenever I can, there will be many times when we will need our computers in class work on a lab using an on-line simulation, or to create graphs, or for an interactive assignment.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out through email, phone or text.

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