

*Dear Parents and Student,*

*Welcome to the rarified air of the eighth grade at Newcastle Elementary School! We really hope that you have had a great summer, and are looking forward to an exciting and educational year. There are many interesting activities and events planned, and we are looking forward to sharing them with you. We're going to be working hard, learning a lot, and having some fun too.*

*For our part, we are happy to be here to work with you. You have the opportunity to be role models and leaders of the school, and to set an example of what it means to be an eighth grade student at Newcastle School.*

*Study Skills will continue to be a focus area this year, and students will be responsible for the following supplies by Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.*

- *2- 1-inch binders. ONE for each for math and history*
- *2 pocket folders for ELA and Science*
- *2 composition books*
- *Set of 5 Tab binder dividers per binder*
- *A CONTINUAL SUPPLY OF #2 Pencils (please just get your student 2-3 boxes of good old Dixon Ticonderoga yellow pencils. They are much more reliable than mechanical pencils.)*
- *2 Red Pens*
- *Fine point black pens*
- *Hi-lighters (green, pink and yellow, please no blue or purple)*
- *12-inch ruler (metric and standard)*
- *Glue stick*
- *Colored pens or pencils*
- *Eraser*
- *¼-ruled graph paper (the kind with light lines is the best)*
- *Binder paper*
- *Wired ear buds*
- *Tape*
- *Scissors*

***IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THESE SUPPLIES REFILLED AND REFRESHED! STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE THESE SUPPLIES AT ALL TIMES!***

*We are looking forward to working with you for a great school year. We also encourage all parents to attend Back to School Night for in-depth information on what you and your student can expect this coming year. See school communications for schedule. Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us after school is back in session. Email works best. Have a great summer!*

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