

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to FMS, Hiawatha House, and our team for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking forward to meeting with you, showing you around FMS and making your 6th grade year a great one!

As we look to a new academic year, we are prepared to provide our students with quality education using a variety of forms. We will work together to develop a sense of community on our team. It is our belief that parents are the most important and influential adults in students' lives. We believe that communication between the home and school is essential for a successful school year. If parents, teachers and students work together as a team then we can be successful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns during the year.

Enclosed you will find a list of supplies that we would like you to have in school when we return on ***Tuesday, September, 8th, 2026.*** *Please look at the list carefully as items are color coordinated to make them easier to find. Organization is an important step towards success in middle school.*

In addition, listed below are some tasks we'd like you to complete:

Parents, we would appreciate it if you would send an email telling us about your child. After all, you know them better than anyone else. We are very interested in learning about your strengths, weaknesses, interests and any areas of concern you may have.

Students, we want to hear from you, too (A required homework assignment already ☺!!!) Send an email about yourself. Tell us what you've been doing, how you feel about starting at 6th grade at FMS, and anything else you would like us to know. Please email your letters to us. Our email addresses are listed on the back:

Summer reading Assignment

We ask all incoming 6th graders to **read at least one book** over the summer. During the first full week of school (**beginning September 8th**), students will complete a graded follow-up assignment based on their summer reading. To help with preparation, we

recommend jotting down some notes while reading.

- Use [this template](#) to track your thinking as you read.
- Browse the [FMS 2026 Summer Reading](#) for some recommendations.

Enjoy these last few days of summer. Orientation is on **Thursday, September 3rd**, we can't wait to meet you in person. *Please only bring your chromebook and pencil for the orientation day.* The first day of in-person instruction will be on **Tuesday, September 8th**. Please bring all of your supplies that day.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to write the email. We are looking forward to meeting you in September.

Sincerely,

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Student Lockers and Locks

FMS Students will be assigned two lockers - a hallway locker near their homeroom and one for Physical Education. Students will need to bring in **two combination locks** - one for their Homeroom Locker and one for their PE locker. Homeroom and Phys Ed teachers will keep the combination on file to help students who might forget the combination.

PLEASE open the locks up BEFORE school and have students practice using them. Try to have the combination memorized BEFORE the start of school. Thank you!

H6A BOYCE/MARGOSIAN 2026-2027 SUPPLY LIST

Make sure to label each item with your **full name** and **homeroom number** and/or **teacher**.

MATH (Mrs. MARGOSIAN)

- ☐ I-30XIIS scientific calculator *(this model will be used in 7th grade as well)*
- ☐ 4 yellow folders with prongs *(Does NOT need to clip in TEAM Binder.)*

SCIENCE (Mrs. MARGOSIAN)

- ☐ 4 red folders with prongs *(Does NOT need to clip in TEAM Binder.)*

LANGUAGE ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES (Ms. BOYCE)

- ☐ ELA: 1 composition notebook (college ruled, any color/pattern), 1 blue folder, assignment notebook (Apad)
\$6.00 towards assignment notebook & homework folder
- ☐ SS: 1 Green 1½-inch binder, spiral notebook (college ruled, green if possible)

GENERAL TEAM SUPPLIES

- ☐ Earbuds or headphones-*that can be plugged into Chromebook.*
- ☐ 1 box of tissues
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils
- ☐ 1 box of thin markers
- ☐ 1 multi-pack highlighters
- ☐ 4 boxes of pencils w/erasers
- ☐ 2 dry erase markers
- ☐ Small pencil sharpener
- ☐ 1 pack of Post-It notes (any color)
- ☐ 4-5 Glue sticks
- ☐ 1 pair of scissors
- ☐ 1 package of loose leaf
- ☐ **3-ring Zipper Type Binder**
This will be used as a TEAM binder to keep the Parent Communication folder and other important items organized.
- ☐ **Pencil Pouch** (HOLE PUNCHED TO GO INSIDE TEAM BINDER)
This will be used to help with organization and to hold pencils, scissors, erasers, glue sticks, etc.

TEAM BINDER - SET UP

Below is a list of items we would like students to keep in their zippered team binder at all times and bring with them to each class.

- ☐ Parent Communication/Homework Folder
- ☐ one red Science folder
- ☐ one yellow Math folder
- ☐ pencil pouch-pens, pencils, highlighters, eraser, pencil sharpener, markers, etc.
- ☐ earbuds/headphones
- ☐ independent reading book (may be carried separately)