Dear Whelks Students,

Greetings from your teachers at East Lyme Middle School! We look forward to another great year with you on the Whelks team!

This summer, students are expected to read 2 non-fiction and 2 fiction books. Choose books you truly want to read and use this link to gather a book list: www.eastlymeschools.org, click on media center and access the Summer Reading 2017 tab. During the first week of school you will need to bring a list of the books that you read signed by a parent or guardian.

For one book, you will need a picture of the book cover, a brief recommendation (and a picture of yourself) for our “Book Recommendation Wall”. All will be shared the first week of school.

If you are working for “Advanced,” you will need to read a minimum of 6 books and write a literary essay. You may write about symbolism, theme, or character from one of your books or compare one of those characteristics for two books. Your essay must include a thesis and internal citations. It will be due the first Friday of school.

We hope you are having a great summer! We look forward to seeing you on August 30th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brouillard, Language Arts
Mrs. Frisbie, Science
Mr. McIvor, Social Studies
Ms. Montano, Mathematics
Ms. Twitchell, Special Education

Parental involvement in your child's education can mean many things:
* Checking the agenda daily
* Discussing your child’s reading nightly
* Checking homework nightly
* Discussing your child's academic progress on Infinite Campus
* Signing school papers as required
* Voting in school board elections
* Limiting ‘screen time’ (TV, e-games, social networking, etc.) on school nights
* Becoming an advocate for strong education in our community and state

Or, it can be as simple as asking your child, "What did you do in school today?" Asking this every day sends your child the clear message that his/her schoolwork is important to you, and you expect your child to learn. Parents and families are able to be involved in their child's education in many ways. If your child sees you involved, he/she will realize that there is value in learning.
Recommended Supply List

General Supplies for All Classes
- Pens (black or blue ink) & pencils
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Lined notebook paper
- Computer USB flash drive (256K is sufficient) with your name on it
- Protractor and compass for math

Language Arts
- One Folder with 3-hole punch
- One 1/2” or 1” Binder
- Five tab dividers
- Two black-white composition notebooks. Cover one composition book with your favorite pictures, words, and song lyrics. Make sure to leave room on your notebook for your name and class.
- Three 4-pack of post-its
- Plenty of your favorite writing utensils

Math
- 1½” three-ring binder white-lined notebook paper
- Scientific calculator (recommend: TI-30xa)
- Plenty of pencils
- Pencil pouch with 3-hole punch

Social Studies
- 1½” three-ring binder
  *Please no Trapper Keepers*
- Loose-leaf lined paper
- Two single subject notebooks
- Two pocket folders
- Tab dividers

Science
- 1” three-ring binder
- Lined notebook paper
- Two tab dividers

Exciting Upcoming Events...

We anticipate two exciting and educational field experiences this upcoming school year.

This summer...
Consider visiting historic sites or reading about the grade 8 social studies and science topics: American Revolution, Civil War, Civil Rights, Physics, Geology, Human Growth and Development, Genetics, and Bridges.

Mark your calendar

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Please note: A student planner (with required school handbook) is given on the first day of school and a PE lock will be given to new students. Students who have lost their lock may purchase a new one for $5.00.