

or playing ping pong in the backyard. They love live music and we

Dear Sixth Graders,

Welcome to 6th grade! You are about to embark on an exciting journey - not only is this your last year at Minnesauke, but you will be working with a team of teachers this year! Mr. Schaentzler and Mrs. Brunquell have taught fifth and sixth grade together before and this year Mrs. Maresco will join the team as a teacher assistant in the classroom. We are all really looking forward to being alongside you as you grow and prepare for the transition to junior high school.

Just a little bit about Mr. Schaentzler....I live here in East Setauket and I have 3 daughters. Ellianna will be attending Minnesauke while Emilia will be at Nassakeag for this school year. Madelyn is 12 years old and moving into 7th grade (First year at Gelinas!) and Ellianna is 8 years old heading into 3rd Grade. Oliver, our two year old Golden Retriever accompanied us on all of our adventures this summer. He is a handful to say the least! This summer I welcomed a new member to our house, Grams! We are very lucky to have her now living here with us. We have also done a lot of traveling. We camped at

Burke Mountain this summer so that we could mountain bike on all of the trails. I can't wait to go back! Please think about all of your memories from this summer because we will begin our writing unit with those amazing thoughts in mind!! (Yes, there will be lots of writing this year!)

Mrs. Brunquell also lives in Setauket and has been teaching at Minne for 20 years! She had a busy summer job. ha

to concerts at Jones Beach and in Connecticut. Scotty is in fifth grade at Minnesauke and keeps busy playing football, hockey and the drums.

Mrs. Maresco has been a teaching assistant in the district for 22 years and this will be her third year at Minnesauke. She lives in South Setauket and is always busy with her four children and two grandsons, Preston who is 3 ½ and Chandler who is 16 months, and her French Bulldog named Sampson. Most of the summer she has been at the beach or swimming in her pool with her family.

In the beginning weeks of school, we will focus on building our classroom community. Kindness is the key to our success. If we remember to be kind to one another at all times, all of the other pieces to our puzzle will fall into place. We look forward to a great year with all of you!

While you have received the sixth grade supply list, but you can also find it here using this link: [Sixth Grade Supply List](#)

Parents, there will be a class app for you to keep up