



## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Letter - SY '26-'27**

**Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning**

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**RMSEL 6<sup>th</sup> Grader and Family,**

June 2026

The RMSEL staff is excited to spend next year working with your family. The **6th-grade Crew Camp** information (July 27 & 28) has previously been sent to families via email. There are still some spots available to sign your child up if you are interested. This is an opportunity to get to know other students (new and returning), tour the school, get your locker, and have outdoor adventures.

### **Crew Leaders**

**Jenny Henry** is the Math and Science crew leader for sixth grade. Jenny is a veteran educator with 25+ years of experience. She has taught elementary and middle school, served as an assistant director of professional development, and as an interim principal. She enjoys traveling, going to the theater, swimming, and spending time with her daughter (who also attended RMSEL and is a 10th grader).

**Jamie Nicholas** is the 6th-grade crew leader for Literacy and Humanities. Jamie previously served as the Academic Secretary at RMSEL and prior to that worked as an Assistant Principal in Cherry Creek Schools and Denver Public Schools. Jamie taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Social Studies prior to moving to Denver. He enjoys traveling, attending as many concerts as possible, and spending time with family, including his wife and two sons, who are both RMSEL students.

### **Summer Homework**

**Literacy:** Please have your child practice their literacy skills by reading for fun this summer! Aim for 30 minutes/day. This will ensure that your student will be ready to grapple with the expectations of 6th-grade literacy. Take advantage of the amazing libraries in our area, and discuss what you are reading together as a family.

**Math:** Students will be entering their 6th-grade year, coming from many different schools with different math backgrounds. To make sure we are all on the same page and ready to jump into 6th-grade material, it is expected that all students demonstrate competency with the following foundational skills to begin the year: math fact fluency & addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, decimals, and fractions

### **Community Service Hours**

All 6th graders at RMSEL will be asked to complete **ten hours** of community service outside of school service projects. Community service activities may be completed during the summer. Students should log their hours using a copy of the [service log](#). **All service hours must be completed by December 2026.**

### **Fall Crew Trip - August 30-September 4, 2026**

In 6th grade, students will travel to Yellowstone National Park for their fall crew trip. You can prepare by making sure students have the appropriate supplies on the gear list linked here. Students will leave in the morning on **SUNDAY, August 30**, and return to school for dismissal on **Friday, September 4**.

### **Character Letter**

Each year, Middle School students ask a coach, community member, or teacher for a [character letter](#). This year, students need to collect and turn in their character letters by **November 18, 2026**.



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## Class Supply List

We expect students to develop and enhance their organizational skills by keeping track of assignments and homework. Learning to manage time and materials and to organize work takes on greater significance in the middle grades. We ask that you purchase the supplies on the list attached and bring them on the first day of school or crew camp. We hope you enjoy the sunny summer months and look forward to seeing you in August!

### RMSEL 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

- 2-inch D-ring Binder with Clear Cover Insert (white)

\*Please make sure your binder has a clear front and spine to insert pictures and name cards

- 150-200 Clear Plastic Page Protectors



- Life Support: Accordion Folder/Binder (Combo With Zipper)

- Pencil Pouch (Fits in a 3-ring binder)



- A basic computation calculator (add, subtract, multiply, divide). NO GRAPHING CALCULATORS

- 2 Grid paper Composition Notebooks (sewn bindings only)

- 6 Lined 200-page Composition Books (sewn bindings only-no spirals)

- 3 Highlighters of any color

- 3 packages of 24 pencils (wood-pre-sharpened or mechanical)

- 4 large boxes of Kleenex/Tissue

- 1 Package Dry Erase (Expo) Markers 4+

- 3 large Clorox/Disinfecting wipes for surfaces

- 1 2-pocket folder (any color)

- 1 12-pack of ballpoint pens (blue or black)

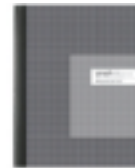
- 1 6-pack of Elmer's glue sticks

- 1 6-pack of Post-its

- A pair of scissors

- Pair of headphones (plug not Bluetooth)

- 1 pack of fine Sharpies



### Additional Personal Supplies (OPTIONAL)

- Handheld Pencil Sharpener
- Magic Rub Erasers

### Appreciated Classroom Donations: (OPTIONAL)

- \*Favorite books for our classroom libraries
- \*1 bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- \*Plants

## **VOLUNTEER Registration Process**

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RMSEL's successful programming directly results from all the fantastic volunteers who have helped us whenever we need additional support. Parents are asked to contribute 20 hours of service throughout each school year. They should log their hours [here](#). This can be done by attending crew trips, chaperoning fieldwork, serving as a crew parent, helping coordinate potlucks, or participating in crew trip de-rig. There are many opportunities available throughout the year. Please know that we cannot run this programming without you and appreciate your support. These volunteers do several things, such as:

- General Classroom Support
- Fieldwork
- Activity Bus Driver
- Crew Trip Attendance

For the safety of our students and staff, all RMSEL volunteers who will have any direct contact with students must first be cleared through our volunteer registration process.

## **RMSEL Volunteer Packet**

**Step 1:** Fingerprinting and Background Clearance

**Step 2:** Sign the RMSEL Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement

**Step 3:** Bus Driving Certification

In order to be considered and selected to chaperone, you must have completed all of the steps below.

**Bus certification is required to chaperone for crew trips.**

1. Complete the volunteer forms and fingerprinting information online [linked here](#).
2. Email Lindsay at [lemery@rmssel.org](mailto:lemery@rmssel.org) a copy of your driver's license.
3. She will email you the link to the online bus training and test.
4. Schedule your bus testing with Philip at [psousa@rmssel.org](mailto:psousa@rmssel.org). **Please note:** *Before signing up for your road test, you must complete your background check, DMV screening, and BOTH online tests.*

\*If you have any questions, please contact the office at (303) 759-2076