



## 7/8 Summer Letter - SY 2025-2026

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Hello 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

We hope everyone's summer is off to a terrific start and that you are finding time to rest and relax between summer adventures and busy schedules! We are already excited to kick off the 25-26 school year and can't wait to be back in the building learning and laughing with our students!

We wanted to share some information with you now so that you know what is around the corner, as summer always flies by. Expect to find out more closer to August as the details get settled.

### **Fall Crew Trip Dates: August 25 - August 29, 2025**

As you are getting ready for the new school year, we wanted to let you get to know us a little bit.

#### **From Carolyn:**

This will be my fourth year at RMSEL, and I could not be more excited! I'm originally from Louisville, Kentucky, and I went to school for Park Administration and Recreation to pursue my dream of being a professional outdoor guide for all the activities. Before teaching, I ran multiple summer camps for the YMCA and supervised and ran many after-school programs. My past experiences have helped shape my values of compassion and creating a classroom culture where students feel safe, accepted, and free to express themselves and their learning styles. I teach Middle School Science, and I'm so excited to help your students grow their love for science.

#### **From Kate:**

This will be my first year at RMSEL, and I am over the moon about joining the crew! I'm originally from Fort Collins, Colorado and studied at Gonzaga University, where I fell in love with outdoor education. In the summers, I instruct at Colorado Outward Bound School in Moab, where I lead rafting and backpacking expeditions for students. Working for Outward Bound has instilled in me a deep appreciation of expeditionary learning. I am so excited to teach Middle School English to connect with students about the joys of reading and writing!

#### **From Leigh:**

This is my tenth year teaching and my fourth year here at RMSEL. I am originally from Richmond, Virginia, earned my Bachelor's degree in History and Secondary Education from Temple University and my Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in STEAM Instruction from Clemson University. In my spare time I enjoy running, traveling, reading and spending time with friends and family. I love teaching and learning about history and can't wait to be back in the classroom exploring the past with your students!

#### **From Annie:**

This is my second year at RMSEL, and it will be my 8th year as a teacher. I studied math education in college and have been enjoying sharing my love of problem solving with students! One of my favorite units in 7th grade was learning about probability. In 8th grade, I love teaching students about solving complex equations.

In my free time, I enjoy being outdoors, playing sports, reading, and doing crafts. I'm so excited for the year together and can't wait to connect math with real-life experiences!

Included with this letter, you'll find a School Supply List. You're welcome to send any classroom supplies on the first day of school. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Email is the best way to get in touch over the summer, although we plan to spend time away from technology, so it may take us some time to respond! You can reach Carolyn at [ccarrillo@rmisel.org](mailto:ccarrillo@rmisel.org), Leigh at [lbuzzard@rmisel.org](mailto:lbuzzard@rmisel.org), Annie at [abrucer@rmisel.org](mailto:abrucer@rmisel.org), and Kate's RMSEL email address will be available in late July. Enjoy the summer, and we are so thrilled to start our school year together in August!

Yours in Crew,

*Carolyn, Leigh, Annie, and Kate*

# 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Individual and Crew Supply List 2025-2026

## Individual:

- ☐ Pencil Pouch
- ☐ 2 Grid paper Composition Notebook for Math (sewn binding)
- ☐ 3 Lined Composition Notebooks- one for Science, Literacy, and Humanities (sewn bindings only, no spiral notebooks)
- ☐ One folder for each class, or an accordion folder
- ☐ 3 Highlighters of different colors
- ☐ Package of pencils (mechanical or wooden)
- ☐ Package of plastic page protectors (100 count)
- ☐ EIGHTH GRADE ONLY- one 1 inch binder for Humanities with a clear plastic cover
- ☐ EIGHTH GRADE ONLY- pack of lined paper for Humanities
- ☐ SEVENTH GRADE ONLY should bring 1-inch D-Ring binder with a clear cover insert (Should be white)- For presentation portfolio
- ☐ SEVENTH GRADE ONLY- 2-inch binder for a 'working' portfolio



## CREW ROOM SUPPLIES TO USE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

### Students with last names A-L

- o 1 package of loose-leaf paper (wide ruled preferred)
- o 1 large box of Kleenex/Tissue
- o 1 large Clorox/Disinfecting wipes container
- o 1 pack of Notecards

### Students with last names M-Z

- o 1 pack of colored pencils
- o 2 extra boxes of pencils
- o Hand sanitizer
- o 2 boxes of glue sticks

## Brianne's Wish List

Since our specialists don't have a Crew of their own, 7/8 is sponsoring Brianne, our Spanish and Anthropology teacher here at RMSEL. She would love the following supplies for her students this year. Please bring supplies for Brianne in a separate name with her name on it.

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| • Pencils          | • Expo markers | • Notecards                 |
| • Loose-leaf paper | • Highlighters | • Black/Blue Ballpoint Pens |



## **VOLUNTEER Registration Process**

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# **We LOVE our Volunteers!**

RMSEL's successful programming directly results from all the fantastic volunteers who have helped us whenever we need additional support. These volunteers do several things, such as:

- General Classroom Support
- Fieldwork Group Leader
- 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

*\*If you also want to be a driver -*

**Step 3:** Provide a copy of your Driver's License

**Step 4:** Online Test

**Step 5:** Road Test - CLICK HERE to sign up for your road test on **July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- *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*

