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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Vernon Center Middle School and Team 6B! We hope you have been enjoying the summer and are looking forward to the new school year.

All students at VCMS will be expected to exemplify our school's core values. Our core values are **Safety, Organization, Achievement, and Respect & Responsibility**. In order to start the school year off right, we have some tips for you.

Safety- Book bags or backpacks must fit in your locker, which is six inches wide and twelve inches deep. The wheeled book bags do not fit in our lockers. Book bags are not permitted in classes; therefore, you'll need a small bag to transport gym clothes.

Organization- We know you will soon be purchasing school supplies, and we would like to offer some suggestions. Organization is important in middle school. Please refer to the following list:

- 1.) A large three-ring binder (3 inch)
- 2.) A 2 inch binder for your homework folder and planbook/agenda*
- 3.) Subject dividers (approximately 5)
- 4.) Loose leaf notebook paper (replenish as needed)
- 5.) A folder to be used as a homework folder (Vinyl and 3-hole punched seem to work best.)
- 6.) Pencils, erasers, blue or black pens, highlighters
- 7.) A three-holed, metal, grommet pencil pouch that fits into your three-ring binder

*A planbook/agenda will be provided by the school so you need not purchase an assignment pad. The planbook is a valuable resource. If it is lost or damaged during the school year, a new one can be purchased in the office for five dollars.

Achievement- We'd also like to remind you to continue your summer reading. A follow-up reading assignment will accompany this requirement. We also encourage you to participate in the Governor's Summer Reading and Math Challenges.

Respect & Responsibility- If you have any doubts about what to purchase, wait and buy it after you talk to your teachers.

We hope that you enjoy the remainder of your summer break. We are looking forward to the new school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Grimaldi Ms. Torres Mrs. Suroviak Mrs. Dutton
Mr. Woods Mrs. MacDonald Miss Ashton