

July 30, 2019

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the new school year! My name is John Bertsch, and I am thrilled to be your child's sixth-grade teacher this year! With your support, your child will participate in and enjoy many exciting and rewarding experiences this academic year.

I am a firm believer that effective learning must be tied to students making responsible choices. The origin of such an environment must begin with a consistent classroom discipline plan, which hopefully will guide each student to make wise decisions about his/her behavior and personal expectations. It is my intent to provide a positive classroom environment to ensure his/her emotional and academic growth. I have listed my classroom rules below:

- 1) Follow directions and be accountable for your actions
- 2) Respect yourself and the rights of others to learn
- 3) Practice the three "Cs"- Collaboration, Cooperation, and Consideration

Your child will need the following materials for school:

- 1) Three-ring binder with paper and dividers
- 2) Pencils and a **red** pen for correcting and editing.
- 3) Personal pencil sharpener, crayons, and colored pencils
- 4) Calculator
- 5) Ruler
- 6) Three-inch Post-it notes
- 7) Graph paper

Individual success in the classroom is dependent on student cooperation and participation. Equally important, however, will be the support and feedback I receive from each of you. Any questions regarding discipline or grading policies can be discussed at Back to School Night. I look forward to meeting you then. I am always available to discuss your child's needs or interests, so please do not hesitate to visit, call me at school (953-9302), or send an e-mail (jbertsch@lodiussd.net).

Sincerely,

Mr. Bertsch