

Team Tufts/7A Newsletter

July 1, 2013

MATERIALS

The following materials are **required** for Team Tufts students:

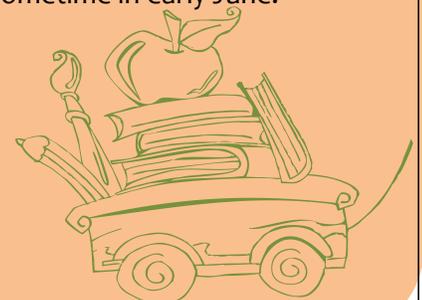
- 1 3-ring binder with dividers
- 1 1-inch binder for Math
- 1 pocket folder per subject
- lined paper
- no. 2 pencils
- colored pencils (8 colors)
- 1 eraser
- blue or black ink pens

The following materials are **recommended** for Team Tufts students:

- ruler
- pencil sharpener
- highlighters
- calculator

FAMILY HISTORY MUSEUM

One of Team Tufts's most exciting activities is our Family History Museum Exhibition. Throughout the year, our students will be researching the background of their families – where they came from, the stories they carried with them, and how their families helped shape the people the students are today. This project is a cross-curricular project that culminates in an exhibit of their work and a potluck dinner. The exhibition may also feature dance performances, storytelling, and musical performances. The exhibition will occur sometime in early June.



Dear Team Tufts Families,

Welcome to Team Tufts! Before our school year starts, we would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with our team of teachers, identify the materials your students need to be successful this year, and give you a preview of several of the exciting activities in which our team participates during the school year.

Our core academic team consists of six teachers:

- ✚ **Mrs. Kathleen Dudzik**, Social Studies & Team Leader
- ✚ **Mrs. Colleen Bombria**, Language Arts
- ✚ **Mrs. Sue Buonanno**, Special Education
- ✚ **Ms. Jennifer Gill**, Language Arts
- ✚ **Mrs. Shaira Peralta**, Mathematics
- ✚ **Mr. Alan Watson**, Science

Our classrooms are located close together towards the front of the school, nearest the Tufts entrance. During the first week of school, we will help your student become familiar with his or her schedule and the layout of the school building.

There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new books to read, a school building to explore, new friends to meet, field trips to take, and new skills to master. We look forward to sharing in these exciting times with our new students.



7TH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

Seventh graders on Team Tufts should look forward to many exhilarating events and opportunities in the 2012-2013 year. Some of these activities include:

- ❖ Laptops and technology use in all subjects
- ❖ The One Grade-One Book project
- ❖ Math Jeopardy! Games
- ❖ Chinese Bingo in Social Studies
- ❖ “Mad Math Minutes”
- ❖ Field trip to the science museum
- ❖ Battle of the Books tournament
- ❖ Studying the cultures and geography of the Eastern Hemisphere
- ❖ Interdisciplinary vocabulary enrichment
- ❖ Hands-on lab projects featuring the study of earth science, physics, and the human body
- ❖ End of the year trip to Lake Compounce

We may engage in other team activities, such as a team picnic, on an incentive basis to encourage students to follow the STARS behavioral program.

EVERYDAY EXPECTATIONS

We expect students to be in uniform every day. Students will receive their IDs within the first month of school, after which they are responsible for bringing their ID with their blue lanyard every day.

Also in the first week of school, students will receive a personal agenda book. Students must write down their homework in this book. Parents should read their child’s agenda daily, if possible. The agenda book is also a student’s “passport” within the school building, and must be signed by a teacher before a student can leave the classroom for any reason.

In the middle of the school day, Illing Middle School has a school-wide “Silent Sustained Reading” period. Students are expected to bring a book for silent reading to school daily. For their Silent Independent Reading (SIR) logs, this book should represent a challenge to their current reading level. Our language arts teachers are always happy to recommend a title to a student.



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- Truthful
- Aware
- Respectful
- Safe

Let's work together to make the 2013-2014 school year your child's most successful school year yet!

