

## August, 2015 from the desk of Ms. Manning

Welcome, Students and Parents of 6A and 6B!

I am excited to be working with you this year. We have our world to explore, essays to write, Stone Environmental Camp to conquer, and wonderful classmates with whom to share the journey.

We will be utilizing technology as much as possible to enhance learning. So, be sure to visit my class pages frequently. I'll have study guides, vocabulary links, graphic organizers, writing templates, assignments, and really helpful websites posted as the year progresses.

Before the year begins, I ask that you do the following:

Parents, please provide the front office and me with your preferred email address. I'll need this to send you newsletters, progress reports, and general communications. Once I receive your emails, I'll be sending out links so students can register with my classes on Quizlet (<https://quizlet.com/>).

Register at Newsela.com (<https://newsela.com/>). It is a unique free news website that offers five (5) different reading levels for the same article. Then, if you click on the "Print" button, the article opens up as a PDF, which Adobe Reader can then read aloud, should you prefer that option. We will be following current events in Earth Science class throughout the year, and this website is a useful addition to building awareness of the world in which we live.

Students, keep an eye out for an email from me in the next week. I'll soon be sending a link to an instructional video that will help you understand how to use and open a combination lock for your lockers.

Enjoy the next few weeks of summer. I am looking forward to a fabulous year!

Sincerely,

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P.s. Please be sure to review any website listed before your student explores it.