

The School District of Philadelphia

Girard Academic Music Program
2136 W. Ritner Street
Philadelphia, PA 19145

May 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to a new and exciting year at GAMP! My name is Mrs. Eleanor Pigford and I will be your child's teacher for 6th grade Science and Social Studies. I am looking forward to a year filled with many challenging learning activities and projects.

School begins each day at 8:00 AM promptly and dismissal is at 3:04 PM. Please make certain that your child arrives to school and each class promptly each day. Whenever your child is absent or late, please send a note explaining why your child was absent or late when he or she returns to school. (**Please note:** Only one note needs to be written to the homeroom teacher and the note will be shared with the sixth grade team).

THE SUPPLIES THAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED FOR SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1 PACK OF LOOSE LEAF PAPER

1 PKG. OF REINFORCEMENTS

3 HARD BACK COMPOSITION BOOKS (2 blue, and 1 black)

1 BLUE SHOULD REMAIN HOME UNTIL NEEDED

(1 BLUE FOR SCIENCE AND 1 BLACK FOR SOCIAL STUDIES)

1 REAM OF PAPER

3 POLY (plastic coated) FOLDERS- ONE BLUE LABELED SCIENCE, ONE BLACK - LABELED SOCIAL STUDIES AND ONE MULTI-COLORED LABELED PROJECTS

3 PENCILS (One should remain home)

1 Pencil sharpener with a cover

2 Yellow highlighters

1 Eraser (not on a pencil)

1 SET OF 3x5 INDEX CARDS

1 Ruler with both centimeters and inches- (You will need this for math – you may use the same one)

1 Glue stick (This item will remain in school)

1 Pack of Post –It {Multi-color -Size 1 ½ x 2 in}

4 Black Dry Erase Markers –Fine TIP for writing

1 Can of Clorox Wipes

1 Box of Tissues {For Classroom Use}

1 Box of 16 Crayons {Will remain in school}

MANDATORY: FREE LIBRARY CARD IS REQUIRED FOR OUTSIDE RESEARCH AND CURRENT EVENTS. DUE BY OCT. 1ST.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND ROOM NUMBER

Homework will be given Monday –Thursday. All homework assignments are to be completed on loose-leaf paper and properly headed. **All failing tests** must be signed by a parent.

Lockers are a new experience for all incoming GAMP students. It is recommended, that you purchase a combination lock, over the summer in order to give your child time to practice how to open their locker using a dial lock. **Please note your child will not need this lock for school.** Your child will be given a locker that has a built in lock.

Both breakfast and lunch are **free** –see The GAMP website for the start time for breakfast.

Health-Related Issues/Concerns-If your child has any special health problems please let me know.

Your guidance in helping your child follow the rules of the school and the classroom would be appreciated. This will ensure that he or she will have a successful school year!

Please feel free to contact me by letter, e-mail {ecastleberry @philasd.org} or telephone (215) 400-8230 whenever you feel the need. I will be happy to communicate with you at my earliest convenience. Please take the time to review this letter. Sign at the bottom portion of the letter and return it.

Thank You,
Mrs. Eleanor Pigford

Child’s Name _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN’S Signature _____