

Dear First Lutheran Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying a wonderful start to the summer. I will be teaching 6th Grade Math and Science, as well as 7th and 8th Grade Math. This is my second year at First Lutheran School, and I feel truly blessed to be here.

Please have your child work on their math memory work over the summer to help prepare for the upcoming school year.

I believe open communication is key to helping our students thrive, so I encourage you to stay in touch. You can reach me at tpierce@firstlutherschool.com, call the school office at (865) 524-0308, or feel free to schedule a meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or if there is anything specific you would like me to know about your child.

I look forward to a wonderful year together!

Warm regards,
Tina Pierce
Middle School
6th Grade Math & Science, 7th–8th Grade Math

P.S. Our 6th-grade basket theme for Germanfest will be “Chocolate.” If you are willing to donate or pick up items for our auction basket, it would be greatly appreciated. I will send out a more detailed list at the beginning of the school year.

Current ideas include:

- Chocolate from around the world (World Market, Trader Joe’s, etc.)
- Wacky or unique chocolate treats
- Specialty chocolate-covered nuts or fruit
- Chocolate stout or porter
- Deluxe hot chocolate mixes
- Chocolate coffee toppings and syrups

Additional ideas are always welcome!

Middle School Student Supplies List

6th Grade Supply List

Math & Science

- one 100 page Notebook, spiral, 8.5" x 11" (college rule)
- one binder (1.5" - 2")
- binder dividers (only need 4-5)
- sticky note page markers (aka: flags)
- 2 pocket folders (any color or design)
- pencil pouch (to leave in classroom)
- box of Ticonderoga #2 lead, 12 pack, (bring sharpened, write your name on it)
- 2 pink erasers
- pencil sharpener (small, fit pencil pouch)
- 2 or 3 color pens (red, blue, green, purple; dark colors that can be easily read)
- 1 high lighter (any color)
- 2 black sharpies normal
- 2 black sharpies, fine point

Classroom Supplies

- 2 (college rule) loose leaf paper with 3 holes
- 1 pack markers (wide)
- 1 pack color pencils, sharpened
- 1 pack markers (skinny)

7th & 8th Grade Supply List

Math

- one 100 page Notebook, spiral, 8.5" x 11" (college rule)
- one binder (1.5" - 2")
- binder dividers (only need 4-5)
- sticky note page markers (aka: flags)
- 2 pocket folders (any color or design)
- pencil pouch (to leave in classroom)
- box of Ticonderoga #2 lead, 12 pack, (bring sharpened, write your name on it)
- 2 pink erasers
- pencil sharpener (small, fit pencil pouch)
- 2 or 3 color pens (red, blue, green, purple; dark colors that can be easily read)
- 1 high lighter (any color)
- 2 black sharpies normal
- 2 black sharpies, fine point

Classroom Supplies

- 2 (college rule) loose leaf paper with 3 holes
- 1 pack markers (wide)
- 1 pack color pencils, sharpened
- 1 pack markers (skinny)

* Please note that I grade binder (in order of lesson, tests) and spiral notebook (notes) throughout the year.

6th Grade Summer Assignment

Your Name: _____

Grade you are in: _____

Multiplication Chart (Note: this is worth a grade)

1. Fill out the multiplication chart using pencil. Bring to school and hand in the first day of class.
2. Have someone check it for accuracy. Neatness counts.
3. This summer memorize the multiples 1 to 12.

(Ex: $1 \times 1 = 1$, $1 \times 2 = 2$, ... $11 \times 12 = 132$, $12 \times 12 = 144$) Get creative!

Ask someone how they did it or google ways to memorize multiples, especially your 9's. There is a free phone app called 'Math Facts - Flash Cards'. Go "old school" and make your own flash cards. (Extra credit if you make a complete set of flash cards to practice with (144 total): problem on front, answer on back of index cards).

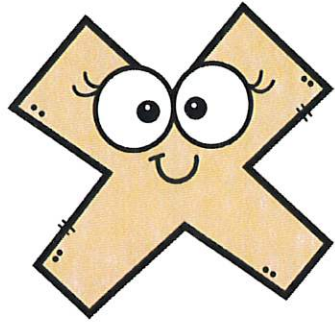
This will make math easier for you this year and beyond. I promise!!!

See you in August, have a great summer,

Your new teacher Mrs. Pierce 😎

Your Name: _____

MULTIPLICATION



CHART

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Hello First Lutheran Middle Schoolers and Parents!

My name is Sally Osborn. This past year at First Lutheran, I had the privilege of teaching Middle School ELA, Literature, and 6th Grade History. This upcoming school year will be my third year of teaching at First Lutheran. My family and I have been a part of the First Lutheran family for 13 years, and I am SO very excited to be continuing both my roles at First Lutheran as parent and teacher.

This school year will mark my 22nd year in education. At the high school level, I have taught all levels of English, including college prep, honors, AP, and inclusion. I have three degrees from the University of Tennessee: Bachelor's in English, Master's in English Education, and an Educational Specialist degree in Teacher Education.

Those of you that had me last year know that I have high expectations when it comes to reading and writing. Our goal is to read as many short stories, poems, and novels, and to write as many narrative, expository, and argumentative essays as we can in the school year. Even though my expectations for students are high, I try to always communicate with parents about homework and plan out major projects (like book reports) well in advance.

I can't wait to see all my former 6th and 7th graders again this year, and I am super excited to get to know my new rising 6th graders. I look forward to learning more about each and every one of you, and I can't wait to start this new school year with you; I can't wait to dive into all the reading, writing, and discussions we will have together to grow and expand our knowledge and understanding of humanities in God's creation.

If you have any questions about the supply list or the summer reading assignment, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great summer, and I will see you in August!

Sally Osborn

P.S. Our basket theme for Germanfest will be "Camping," so start brainstorming now about some creative items we can add to make our basket 'un-be-leaf-able!' (I also love a good pun!)

Ms. Osborn's Middle School (6th, 7th, 8th) English Supplies and Binder Organization

Supply List

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| 1) Binder (2 inch) | 2) Dividers (Total of 5)-- plastic ones are best! |
| 3) Notebook paper (put in notes/writing section) | 4) Composition Notebook |
| 5) 2 Folders (Any color or design) | 6) 3 Packages of index cards |
| 7) 2 boxes of tissues | 8) Pencil pouch |
| 9) <i>Package of colored pens (for in-class grading)</i> | 10) <i>2 Packages of pencils (No. 2)</i> |
| 11) <i>Pink eraser/White-Out (liquid)</i> | 12) <i>Package of highlighters (multicolored-thin)</i> |
| 13) <i>4 Black Sharpies – two regular and two fine-tipped</i> | |

- *Items 9-13 go into the pencil pouch.*

Divider Tabs

Please label your dividers and place them in the following order in your binder.

- 1) **Bell Ringers**
 - 2) **Vocabulary**
 - 3) **Texts/Readings**
 - 4) **Notes/Writing**
 - 5) **Graded Papers**
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Ms. Osborn's 6th Grade History Supplies and Binder Organization

- 1) Binder (1.5 inch)
- 2) Dividers (Total of 3) – plastic ones are best!
- 3) 3 packages of index cards
- 4) 2 packages of Post-It Notes

Divider Tabs

Please label your dividers and place them in the following order in your binder.

- 1) **Bell Ringers**
- 2) **Notes**
- 3) **Graded Papers**

6th Grade Summer Reading Assignments

English

Book: *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck

Assignment:

- 1) **One- Sentence Summary:** For each of the 8 chapters, you will write a one-sentence summary on a piece of notebook paper. I realize that this may be a challenge to limit yourself to just one sentence per chapter, but remember, a sentence can be as descriptive and detailed as you like, just make sure you punctuate it correctly.
- 2) **A Day in the Life:** Create an illustrated storyline (like a graphic novel) to show a day in the life of Grandma Dowdel. Using a combination of dialogue from the novel and your own drawings, map out events from the day in chronological order. You can use the attached graphic organizer or create your own to fit what you'd like to do. I know not everyone is an artist, but everyone can create neat, colorful work.

History

Book: *The Golden Bull: A Mesopotamian Adventure* by Marjorie Cowley

Assignment: Travel Brochure

Create a colorful brochure based on the setting of the book.

Your brochure should have the following sections:

Section 1: Description of setting.

Section 2: Reasons people should want to visit this location.

Section 3: Three testimonials on the setting by characters from the book.

Section 4: Describe what occurred in this location in the book, including the historical significance to the characters and plot.

*Must include multiple pictures of different aspects of the setting. You may choose the order and locations of the sections on your brochure. The front should include the title and author of the book. Everything should be outlined in Sharpie, including the writing. Pictures and writing must be done by hand and colored.

Optional Summer Reading: In addition to the assigned book and activity, please feel free to complete the Summer Reading BINGO Board, if you are interested. This is **optional**; however, I will make sure that those who complete the Summer Reading BINGO Board will be rewarded upon completion. A parent or guardian must sign the bottom of the BINGO board upon completion of all squares. Due by Friday, August 14th.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Create an illustrated storyline (like a graphic novel) to show a day in the life of **Grandma Dowdel**. Use a combination of dialogue and drawings to map out events in chronological order.

The form consists of a large outer rectangle with a thick black border. This rectangle is divided into five smaller rectangular panels, also with thick black borders. The layout is as follows: a large panel on the top left; two smaller panels stacked vertically on the top right; two smaller panels stacked vertically on the bottom left; and a large panel on the bottom right.

Name: _____

Incarnation Second Grade Summer Reading
Due August 17, 2018

Genre Reading Bingo

*Read 5 books in a row to make a bingo. On the back, fill in the boxes using one of the nonfiction and fiction books in your 5 in row.

Mystery Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Fantasy Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Nonfiction Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Free Choice Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Book in a Series Title: _____ _____ _____ _____
Nonfiction Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Biography Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Book in a Series Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Fairy Tale Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Fiction Title: _____ _____ _____ _____
Chapter Book Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Book in a Series Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Free Choice Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Mystery Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Nonfiction Title: _____ _____ _____ _____
Book in a Series Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Chapter Book Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Poetry Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Nonfiction Title: _____ _____ _____ _____	Biography Title: _____ _____ _____ _____
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WELCOME TO PE/ATHLETICS

Howdy y'all!

I am excited to be here for my third year at First Lutheran and my 16th year coaching and teaching. I teach PE and I am also the Athletic Director.

Important things to know about PE

- Please wear tennis shoes on PE days.
- 5th-8th grade students have the option to change into athletic clothes.
- Proper athletic clothes: First Lutheran shirt, shorts that are mid-thigh or longer in length, and jogger pants. Leggings can be worn, but must have a shirt that covers their bottom without pulling down their shirt. All students must change back into uniform attire at the end of PE.
- All students must participate in daily activities.
- If your student cannot participate in PE or athletics for any reason, please send me an email or a doctor's note with instructions.
- We do fitness testing
- Field Day for K-8 is on May 14, 2027
- Participate, have fun, and find a lifetime activity you love!

Athletic Activities for Students

A sports physical is required for some sports activities. Please have sports physical done before sports season begins. Sports physical forms can be found in the school office or table across from the school office.

Volleyball, Basketball,
Cheer, and Soccer: Grades
5th-8th

*Needs an athletic physical on file.

Pep Squad: Grades 1st-4th
Little Lions: Grades 1st-4th

Cross Country: Grades 3rd-8th grade

*Needs an athletic physical on file.

** Sports activities available are subject to change if we do not meet the numbers needed to play that sports activity.

Contact Me

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WELCOME TO PE/ATHLETICS

Important Athletic Dates

- Aug. 6, 2026- First day of volleyball practice
- Aug. 7, 2026- First Day of cross Country practice
- Aug. 10, 2026- Volleyball and Cross Country parent meeting
- Aug. 22, 2026- Germanfest
- Sept. 28- Oct. 2, 2026- Volleyball End of Season Tournament
- Oct. 3, 2026- Cross Country Area Championships
- Oct. 24, 2026- Cross Country State Championships
- Oct. 12, 2026- First Day of basketball, cheer, and pep squad practices for boys and girls
- Oct. 20, 2026- Basketball and Cheer parent meeting
- Oct. 27, 2026- pep squad parent meeting
- Jan. 15- 17, 2027- Lutheran Basketball Tournament at St. Stephens Lutheran School- Hickory, NC
- Feb. 1-5, 2027- Basketball End of Season Tournament
- Feb. 8- March 5, 2027- Little Lions Basketball
- Feb. 16, 2027- Little Lion parent meeting
- Feb. 16- April 30, 2027- MS Soccer Season
- May 14, 2027- Field Day K-8th grades

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