Dear Families in Second and Third Grade Crews,

Welcome to a new school year at RMSEL beginning this August. We are excited to meet the students and families who are new to our crews this year, and thrilled to have so many of you back with us again in 3rd grade!

Our expeditions for the 2019-20 school year are going to include Botany, Weather, and Simple Machines. These expeditions will incorporate a substantial amount of fieldwork and hands-on learning experiences.

Detailed information about our fall crew trip, as well as a gear list, was sent to you with this letter in June. We will be looking for two or three chaperones per crew who would like to accompany us. The Crew Trip Chaperone Selection Process is included with this letter. In order to chaperone, you will need to have a background check on file at RMSEL (which includes a fingerprinting process), so be sure to take care of that as soon as you can if you would like to join us! Chaperones will be selected after they attend at least one fieldwork opportunity in the fall. We usually select a mix of chaperones with experience, as well as some who haven’t yet been on a crew trip. Chaperones who can drive the buses are always valued! Our crew parents will send out a sign-up genius for fieldwork sign up at the beginning of the school year.

Included with this letter is a supply list. Hopefully everyone will be able to find these items at local stores. Please let us know if you are unable to locate or purchase these items for any reason. Please try to bring these supplies into school on our first day back.

On Thursday, August 8th, and Friday, August 9th, students new to the crew (all 2nd graders and 3rd graders new to RMSEL) will be invited to visit their new classroom. We are excited to begin to build a relationship with your child and meet you before the start of the school year. We are looking forward to having students see their new classroom, bring a few special items to share, and to learn about what inspires each student. RMSEL and Expeditionary Learning highly value deep connections between teachers, students, and their families. We believe that powerful learning starts with a powerful relationship. As the dates get closer, we will send more information about signing up for a specific time that will work for your family through Sign Up Genius.

If your student wants an incentive to complete their summer workbook, we will be celebrating their completion in the first week of school. We hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

David and Lisa
Supply List for David and Lisa’s Crews
2019-20

- 2 packs of writing pencils (Ticonderoga)
- 1 Pack of glue sticks
- Pink erasers (not small pencil top kind)
- Box of tissues
- Fine point **black** dry erase markers (Expo)
- Lysol (or other brand) disinfectant wipes for cleaning tables
- Economy weight page protectors (pack/box)
- 2 Hardcover Composition notebooks, wide ruled
- Scotch tape
- Pack of colored pencils (Optional)
- Pad of high quality watercolor paper (Strathmore is good) (Optional)

PORTFOLIOS: Please make sure you purchase a high quality portfolio as they easily break with so much use over the year.

3rd grade:
- 1.5” **white** passage portfolio – please make sure the portfolio has a plastic cover for an insert

2nd grade:
- 3” **white** portfolio with a plastic cover for insert