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To: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Parents

From: Mrs. Dyogi (6th grade Homeroom/Junior High English)

October 5, 2016

Dear Parents,

As I'm nearing the end of my 35th week of pregnancy, I would like to let you know that my doctor has instructed me to begin maternity leave due to signs of the early stages of labor. The ideal time frame for our baby girl's arrival is 37 weeks or after so that all of her vital organs will be fully developed. I do have a history of early deliveries at 37-38 weeks with my other children, but for a few different reasons the doctor is particularly concerned about this pregnancy. They are trying to give me time to get enough rest before delivery in order to make it to full term.

I am going to continue working at school through the rest of this week with my long-term sub Ms. Maritza Garcia team-teaching with me. Next week I will not be physically present, but I should still be able to conference with the 6th grade parents on your scheduled days and times via any of the following options:

- Phone
- Email
- Google Chat
- Skype/Facetime

Please email me to let me know which option works best for you, or if you would like to reschedule for a different day/time. If you feel it is necessary to have an in-person conference, I do have limited availability this Thursday 10/6 at 12:30-1pm and from 2-2:50pm. I can also meet in person this Friday 10/7 at 12:30-1pm.

I will send home a hard copy of the Progress Report by Friday and will email a digital copy of the STAR Reading and Math reports. Please take the time to review these documents before our conference and email me with any specific questions prior to the appointment so I can focus our discussion on your areas of concern.

During my maternity leave and after delivery, I will still be available through email and will communicate regularly with Ms. Garcia about your children's academic progress. We are working closely together on the ELA curriculum through Dec. 1, which is my expected date of return.

Beginning the week of Oct. 17, the students will start their novel studies. Please make sure they have the following novels in class with them:

6th grade – ***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry

7th Grade – ***The Chronicles of Narnia*** Set

8th Grade – ***Romeo and Juliet: Shakespeare Made Easy*** (order through Amazon.com)

Please keep us in your prayers, and as always, I will keep you in mine.

Blessings,
Mrs. Dyogi