



Mountain Oak School

Seventh Grade 2014-2015

June 10, 2014

Dearest Students,

Well, this school year is over. It was quite an extraordinary one, and I am so proud to have taken you through the sixth grade with the wonders of the rich Waldorf curriculum. For me, I'll look back upon this year and think of our two grand gestures, looking down into the earth and looking up into the heavens, while all the while holding a gesture of uprightness—like noble Roman citizens.

It is so difficult for me to express how much each and every one of you means to me. You fill my days with laughter, imagination and wonder. I am so happy that I'll be able to guide you all through seventh grade next year. We will engage in further explorations of history—Late Medieval, Renaissance, and the mighty Age of Exploration. In science, we will study chemistry and mechanical physics—the incline plane, lever and pulley. Geometry will be composed of drawing in perspective, both atmospheric and linear. We will learn about the human body and some of its physiology—digestive, circulatory, respiratory systems. Language arts will take a more mature turn so that we write more creative pieces—all under the idea of “wish, wonder, and surprise.” And, of course our math studies will become more excellent and abstract, powers and roots and algebra. And, and, and, to top things off we'll produce yet another outstanding class play.

I miss you all already while I sit here in next year's classroom, composing this note and thinking of the truly amazing things we'll get to discuss next year. I leave tomorrow for my summer adventure and am a bit nervous, but so incredibly excited for the unknown—getting off a plane and having little idea about what to expect or where to go. I find this to be exhilarating.

This might amaze you: My flight leaves Phoenix on Thursday, an 18 hour flight, but I arrive in Viet Nam on Saturday. How is this? or Wait.....What? Remember, I'll be travelling west and the planet rotates easterly!

Please don't sit around during the summer. Please make almost every minute count. Don't say you're bored, for there is always something in this magnificent world that can occupy a ripe imagination.

Oh yes, please tell your excellent parents that we will have a parent meeting on Wednesday, August 20th at 5:00.

Mr. Holmes

7th Grade Supply List

Things to bring on the first day of school:

- *3-ring binder with dividers and paper
- *package of lined paper
- *package of copy paper
- *18 inch metal ruler
- *scissors
- *graphite pencils
- *pencil sharpener (one that catches the shavings)
- *1 liter water bottle (filled)
- *a stellar attitude
- *a charming story about your days
- *a smile
- *a willingness to do extraordinary things
- *a sense of humor
- *kindness, responsibility, respectfulness
- *perseverance
- *a song in your heart
- *a spring in your step

