

August 2022

Greetings Acadia Team,

We're eagerly anticipating the start of school! We hope you've been safe and are ready for school to resume.....Our learning adventures will begin soon. We can hardly wait!

Your Teachers:



Mrs. Roesner (aka "Rosie"):

Rosie has spent the summer actually relaxing. We know it's not like her at all and are surprised by that ourselves! She's also been learning math and reading up a storm. Rosie's been in her woodshop, quilting, and enjoying her garden. She is very excited to be in the Math classroom soon.



Hopefully you, too, have been enjoying your **summer reading!** Remember, we're expecting 4-5 good-fit chapter books to be on your completed reading list. If you've forgotten, now is the time to dig in! Your reading work is due on 9/14. Here's the link to the [summer reading requirements.](#) *(Rosie explaining a "Wacky Relay" event)*



Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman traveled this summer to visit his children in Connecticut and Washington, D.C. He has gotten his firewood processed and worked on house projects. In between that he has spent as much time as he could on water or in the woods and mountains. His classes this Fall will explore the science of Space and physics. *(Holman hard at work preparing for the opening of school)*

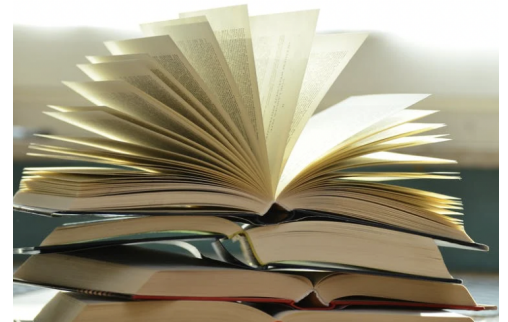
New Person to the Team: We're not sure yet who will be joining us! Stay tuned for more information.



What to expect on Day 1:

Sixth graders will be joining the team on August 31 for a few minutes. Their first day back is really intended to get to know their advisee groups and get a feel for our school. Students should dress in comfortable attire, knowing that some activities may get their clothes dirty. Seventh and Eighth graders are NOT expected to attend school that day.

Our team will be together for the first time on Thursday, September 1. Our plan has the whole team together, outside, for introductions, get to know you activities, and a few other activities. Students will want to dress comfortably and in clothes that can get dirty! While you will not need your school supplies on this day, you are expected to read. **BRING A BOOK WITH YOU, ALWAYS.**



Friday, September 2 will consist of similar activities, goal setting, and you guessed it: Reading. Students should again dress comfortably and in clothing that can get dirty. Our academic classes will be starting this day.

Changes for 2022-2023: There will be no specific COVID protocols. Desks can now be in groups and we'll be able to interact with one another more closely.

What to expect throughout the year:

While classes will still happen indoors, we will take advantage of being outside as much as possible. We encourage your students to come dressed and prepared with a sweatshirt or some other layer. We may be on wet grass so no one should wear shoes or anything else that they don't want to get wet. Our outdoor classrooms will even be used on the first day of school.



Our team has woven Social and Emotional Learning and Mindfulness into our day. We are going to keep doing so. With all the changes and stressors we think those skills are more important than ever. Students will be using reading as a way to reboot, writing as a way to reflect, and mindfulness as a moment to settle. We'll be using metaphors such as "settle our glitter" to help students remember that it is ok to take a good breath to relax and prepare for our next challenge.

We'll be planning field trips this year and welcoming visitors to our classroom. Students will be able to participate in activity period and our classes will be mixed throughout the day. We're excited to welcome our students back to the full school day, which starts at 8:00 in Advisee time and ends at 2:30.

The Schedule:

Please see the attached Bell Schedule for our students. There should also be a black and gold day calendar attached.

Generally, students will have four classes each day, Unified Arts or Foreign Language, Core (Science/Social Studies), Math, and English/Language Arts. In Math, students will be by grade level this year. In all other classes, students will be in multi-age groups.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 8/29** Middle School Sports Night 6:00 pm
- 8/31** First day of school for grade 6
- 9/1** All middle school students attend school
- 9/1** Middle School Open House 5:30 pm
- 9/5** Labor Day (No School)
- 9/6** First day of Middle School sports, right after school
- 9/14** Half day for students
- 9/14** Summer reading work is due
- 9/15:** Acadia Team Open House, 7 PM via [Zoom link](#)
- 9/17** Acadia Car Wash at Manchester Town Office, 9 AM
- 9/29** Flu Shot Clinic MCHS/MCMS



Class Supply List: It's ok to not have your school supplies until after Labor Day!

- Water bottle, labeled with student name and advisor
- Accordion-style organizer
- Pencils, Highlighters
- Paper, lined
- Blue or black pens
- Scientific calculator (Square root button!)
- Earbuds or headphones
- Ruler, Protractor
- Set of Colored Pencils
- Good fit chapter book of choice
- Planner (Optional)
- Team Math Specific: 1-inch binder with filler notebook paper

Team Needs:

We're always looking for donations of gently used YA books.

OPTIONAL Classroom Donations:

- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Clorox wipes
- Paper Cups
- Whiteboard Markers
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Markers



If you're interested in seeing other needs, check out our [Amazon wish list](#).

Questions or Concerns?

As always, please let us know. You can contact us via email. We want to be sure our students are ready as the year begins. If your family has financial concerns or other challenges around getting these school supplies or providing for your family's needs, please contact Jean Roesner (jean_roesner@maranacook.com) via email.

We're looking forward to learning and working together!

For Acadia: Dan Holman, Jean Roesner, and the mysterious Teacher to be Determined