

August 2023

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:**



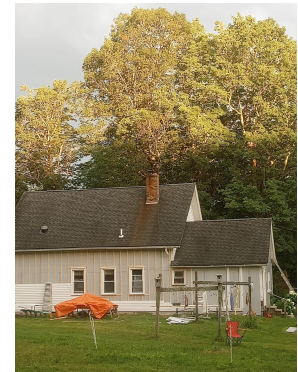
**Mrs. Roesner (aka "Rosie"):**

Rosie has spent the summer building her new home in Fayette. She's also been reading up a storm. Rosie's been in her woodshop, quilting, refinishing furniture, and enjoying her garden. She is very excited to be in the ELA 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 9/13. Here's the link to the [summer reading requirements](#). *(Rosie explaining a "Wacky Relay" event)*



**Mr. Holman:** Mr. Holman's big project this summer is replacing the clapboard siding on his home. When not working on the house he has been visting with his kids, getting time in the mountains, paddling and processing his firewood. In his classes this Fall will explore the Earth science Weather & Climate.



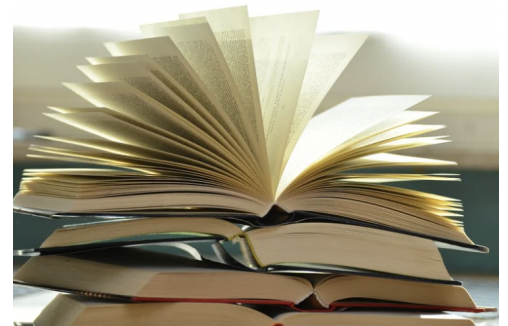
**Ms. Gerhart** is brand new to MCMS this year and is very excited to be on team Acadia. She is a compassionate, helpful, and understanding person who loves to see people reach their goals. She loves being outside, identifying plants and just admiring nature. She is excited to meet all of her students and find a way to foster a love of math. She enjoys going on adventures with her two daughters, Ellee and Cora, and her dogs, Winnie and Gunther.



### What to expect on Day 1:

Sixth graders will be joining the team on August 30 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, August 31. 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 1 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.

### 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
- 8/30** First day of school for grade 6
- 8/31** All middle school students attend school
- 8/31** Middle School Open House 6:00 pm
- 9/4** Labor Day (No School)
- 9/5** First day of Middle School sports, right after school
- 9/9** Acadia Car Wash at Manchester Town Office, 9 AM
- 9/13** Summer reading work is due
- 9/13:** Acadia Team Open House, 7 PM via
- 9/27** Half day for students



**Class Supply List:** *It's ok to not have your school supplies until after Labor Day! -- If any of this presents a financial challenge, please reach out to us and we'll work together to figure things out.*

- 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 (super important! Please label these)
- Set of Colored Pencils
- Good fit chapter book of choice
- Planner (Optional)

### 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](#).

**What not to bring to school:**

- Candy
- Food to share - without permission
- Soda or energy drinks

**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](mailto:jean_roesner@maranacook.com)) via email.

We're looking forward to learning and working together!

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