

# High Rock School

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Dear Rising High Rock Students and Families:

As you end your school year, I wanted to provide some information that can help answer questions you may have over the summer about High Rock School.

## **Summer Reading**

Incoming High Rock students are required to read a minimum of two books from our summer reading list. The summer reading list and other information is posted on our Web site at: <http://highrocklibrary.weebly.com/summer-reading-2018.html>

## **Supply List**

High Rock School has worked to consolidate the supply list for students. These are the materials that we recommend students possess at the start of the school year. Students use these items on a day-to-day basis. Throughout the year you may need to replenish some of these items should they be used up or lost. (List is on back of this letter)

## **Cluster & Advisory Assignments**

The cluster assignment process is complex, and we strive to create healthy and productive learning environments for all students. Our primary goal is to create balanced classes in terms of gender, academic strengths, social maturity, special needs, and supportive peer groups, which are likely to promote healthy and productive learning environments. In mid-August, students will receive a letter that identifies their cluster number and advisory teacher. On the first day of school students will enter the building and report to their advisory location. From that point on, teachers will work with students to familiarize with each other, the building, and their schedules.

## **Summer Walkthrough**

High Rock School will be open on Tuesday, August 28, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for a walkthrough for students and families. Students must be accompanied by an adult. This is an opportunity for students to enter the building and find their advisory classroom. This will be a self-guided tour. Please be aware that teachers are not expected to be in the building on this date.

## **First Day of School**

Finally, the first day of school for all students is a full day on Tuesday, September 4. School will open for students at 7:25 a.m. and students must be in Advisory by 7:40 a.m. Dismissal is at 2:10 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jessica R. Downey  
Principal

*Be Yourself – Become a Community*