

OUR SEVENTH SENSATIONAL SEASON

PROJECT JUMP START

FOR INCOMING SIXTH GRADERS AND NEW STUDENTS TO MIDDLESEX MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Let us be the first to welcome you and your child to the upcoming sixth grade at Middlesex. We are all thrilled that you will be spending the next three years with us. As you know we will be preparing your child for high school and future higher education opportunities. The communication between our school administration, faculty and parents has always been top notch. We work diligently to provide a comfortable and positive learning environment from day one of sixth grade through eighth grade graduation.

We have been fortunate enough to experience the privilege of welcoming, working with and teaching incoming students to Middlesex for more than twelve years. During that time, we have observed natural and characteristic transitional anxieties both sixth grade **students and parents** experience adjusting to middle school life. There is a certain amount of stress that accompanies this transition in the first few months. Our goal, through this program, is to alleviate any concerns **before** the beginning of the new school year! We would like to see incoming students experience a smooth transition, allowing both parents and students to be as comfortable as possible. Through this two-week summer program offered in the afternoon, we feel we can achieve the goal of having your child be comfortable from day one.

We have put together both a proactive and comprehensive **“Jump Start”** program based on certain factors for incoming, as well as new district students. They will experience middle school life by walking through typical daily schedules on site at Middlesex. They will socialize with peers and school faculty specializing in the arts and technology. They will receive a customized map of Middlesex, and learn their way around the school while participating in a pleasurable mixture of team activities, and a dynamic field trip. Your child will have access to computer labs, art materials, and the Media Center. We have even put together a **virtual computer tour** of Middlesex on our school website! In addition, we have added a component where the children will have the opportunity to learn how to and produce their very own Jump Start website page!

Please see the accompanying flyer and application form, and help put your child in a stronger position to succeed. We invite you to sign up your child today!

Please remember to circle either A for the morning or B for the afternoon
Please see attached Flyer

Sincerely,

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Directors of Project Jump Start
Registration starts Monday February 2, 2009