August 21st, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another exciting school year at Tonganoxie Middle School! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break, leaving students refreshed and ready to take on 6th grade. My name is Mrs. Deathe (rhymes with teeth!) and I will be your child’s social studies teacher. This is my second year teaching and coaching volleyball at Tonganoxie Middle School.

This year in 6th grade, students will be studying Ancient World History, which entails learning about the birth of the river civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China all the way through the Middle Ages. The essential goal of the course is to examine how the culture and ideas of the Ancient World continue to impact our lives today. As the standards continue to integrate the Common Core curriculum into all subject areas, you may notice the increase of literacy-based education. In social studies, we’ll be learning how to “do history” by analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating the content.

As a newer parent myself, I understand that your pride and joy is entering my classroom each day. I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be their teacher and I will give my best day in and day out. That being said, I am only one part of your child’s academic future and encourage involvement and cooperation from both student and parents. Teamwork between us is vital, *“It’s a parents enthusiasm, support, and involvement that inspire children to do their best; and a teacher’s ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things!”*

Please contact me at anytime if you have questions, comments, or concerns by e-mailing me at [pdeathe@tong464.org](mailto:pdeathe@tong464.org). Additionally, visit the 6th grade webpage at [www.TMSsixthgradeteam.weebly.com](http://www.TMSsixthgradeteam.weebly.com). There will be information related to assignments, tests, and class happenings. Thank you for your commitment to your child’s education and I look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Once you have read and acknowledged this letter, please sign the student planner on the Monday, August, 24th space.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deathe