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Dear Parent and Student,

Welcome to all new and returning students and their parents to the **2018-2019 Swope GT Magnet middle school year!** We are excited about the upcoming school year and want you to know we are thinking of you already!

Students, organization is one of the key elements to feeling comfortable and happy at school. Enclosed you will find the student supply list so you can beat the rush and be ready with your supplies on the first day of school. This is the best way to avoid needless anxiety. Remember, backpacks must stay in your locker so be sure to buy a strong, zipper binder that will stand the test of time.

We would also like to encourage you to enjoy your summer by reading, exploring, enjoying family and friends and most of all, being a kid. We will not be assigning any summer work so that you, students, can investigate, explore and engage in whatever interests you!

Parents, *Open House* is coming soon! Please *add Thursday, August 16 at 6:00 PM* to your calendar. We have important information for you, specific to your gifted learner and how you can best support them. We look forward to seeing you then!

We would like to communicate with you regularly so every Friday, you can plan to receive an e-mail from the GT Magnet site leader, reminding you to access our Swope GT website for a heads up about GT information, field trips, upcoming calendar dates, etc. If you don't hear from us, send any teacher an e-mail or note with a current e-mail address and let us know you'd like to be added to the parent weekly e-mail list.

That's it for now! Cheers to a wonderful, fun-filled summer and we are looking forward to meeting or seeing you August 6!

Kindly,

The Swope GT Crew

Mr. Bodensteiner

Mrs. Leslie

Mr. Harrison

Ms. Ross

Ms. Hanzlik-Wilcox

Mr. Shader

Mrs. Hoy

Ms. Wilbrecht