

**Humanities and Communication Center Program
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Dear Students and Parents:

We are excited about you coming for your first year at Roberto Clemente Middle School. In this letter, you will find assignments to complete during the summer. We hope you enjoy your summer with your family and friends.

- The Humanities 6 Team

Media Production

Mrs. Lisa Wroblewski Lisa.Wroblewski@mcpsmd.org

Lisa Wroblewski earned her master's degree in Education from the University of Arizona. Although she began her career in New York, Mrs. 'Ski' has been teaching media literacy and television production in Maryland since 1989. She piloted the 6th grade Media Production curriculum at the Eastern Humanities and Communication Magnet Program in 1995. She is also a 2001 Fellow of the Maryland Technology Academy.

Mrs. 'Ski' has provided educational opportunities for her students outside of the classroom. From Toshiba's *ExploraVision* event to Zoog Disney's *Z-Games*, Mrs. 'Ski' has used her experience as an associate producer to bring innovative and exciting curriculum ideas to our program. A candidate for the Agnes Meyer's Teaching Award and a three time nominee for the Disney American Teacher of the Year Award, Mrs. 'Ski' is an advocate of hands-on, process oriented, product based education.

There is not a summer assignment for Media Production.

World Studies

Donna Evans (Donna.M.Evans@mcpsmd.org)

Ms. Evans earned her bachelor of arts degree in Political Science with a Certificate in Law from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and graduated with honors in 1981. Ms. Evans spent the next 15 years working as a

reporter for a large Midwestern daily and then as managing editor for the Gazette Newspapers before earning her Master's of Education from Johns Hopkins University in 2003. Ms. Evans began teaching in Montgomery County in 2004 with the Humanities and Communication Center Program at Clemente.

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English

Ms. Laurie Brown [Laurie J Brown@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_J_Brown@mcpsmd.org)

Ms. Brown graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Maryland. Ms. Brown holds a Master's in Teaching from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to teaching, Ms. Brown was a technical writer and editor for Electronic Data Systems. She also indexed congressional hearing transcripts for Congressional Information Service, Inc. Her teaching experience prior to Clemente was at Redland Middle School. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English and the Teachers and Writers Collaborative. Ms. Brown has taught at Clemente since 2005.

In order to prepare for our first interdisciplinary unit, please make time during your summer to read two books by Lois Lowry from the following list. These books are available at Montgomery County Public Libraries. There will be a quiz on your reading at the beginning of the year.

<i>Gathering Blue</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>Messenger</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>Gossamer</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>The Silent Boy</i>	Lois Lowry

In addition, please write an in-depth letter sometime over the summer which includes the following:

- What you've been doing
- What you're reading
- What you're feeling about entering middle school and the Humanities Program
- Anything else you would like to share with me

Your letter is due to me via email prior to the first week of school.

If you received any other reading or writing assignments from your elementary school, they are not required for this program.

A marble composition book would be helpful for your English class for the upcoming year.

Your math teachers are requiring that you complete a summer math packet to keep your skills fresh over the summer. Please download the appropriate packet based on your math placement for next year at www.robertoclementms.org.

