

# Connect with us using Remind.com

As an educator and a busy mom, I recognize and value the importance of communication between our classrooms at Bursley and your homes. To that end, I have created an account with the website **remind.com**, and I'd like to invite you to try it out!

Remind provides teachers with an easy way to send text message "blasts" to parents and students, while protecting the privacy of each individual. If you choose to subscribe to my Remind group(s), you will receive text messages on your cell phone from me, but you will never see my personal cell phone number, nor will I be able to see yours. This one-way communication system is meant to deliver reminders only, so replying is not an option. The Remind service does not cost anything, but your mobile phone provider's text messaging fees may apply.

If this sounds like something that you – or your sixth grader – might be interested in trying, please read on for more directions and for your group options. If you have any questions, please let me know. I look forward to a year of collaboration!

**To enroll in my Remind groups, you must send a text message  
from your phone to the following Remind.com phone number:**

**(616) 232-6915**

In the text message, you must type the code that corresponds to the group you would like to join. If you'd like to enroll in more than one group, a separate text message will have to be sent for each group. These codes are provided below.

**@manners** One of my goals for our school year together is to help sixth graders grow in the area of moral character. We will do this by focusing on one good manner each week. (See <http://SteeleSixthGrade.weebly.com> for more information!) If you choose to join this group, you will receive one text message each Sunday evening, summarizing our "Manner to Master" for the week. Text **@manners** to the Remind phone number above to join this group.

**@bu6-remind** This second group will be used to share general reminders about Sixth Grade Camp, upcoming field trips or fundraiser due dates, and Bursley events like Parent/Teacher Conferences or holiday parties. Text **@bu6-remind** to the Remind phone number above to join this group.

**@bu6-all** This third group will be used to share important homework reminders that apply to all sixth graders, including due dates for long-term projects or upcoming assessments. Text **@bu6-all** to the Remind phone number above to join this group.

Finally, for much of our math and ELA instruction, sixth grade students will be placed on teams with peers of similar academic ability. Your child will be on either the Green Team or the White Team, and their team placement may change as the year progresses. My last two Remind.com group options will be used to share homework reminders that are specific to one team, and should match information recorded in student planners. This will be a great way to stay on top of nightly homework expectations, but parents/students should plan to subscribe after the school year starts and teams have been formed. These codes will be **@bu6-green** and **@bu6-white**.