

Dear Parents:

The staff feels that this is an excellent opportunity to make you aware of our expectations in each academic area. This is important because your child will have little time in school to adequately complete assignments and study. Consequently this places a great deal of emphasis on making sure that the work is completed at home. It should also be noted that your child will be receiving between an hour and an hour and a half of homework each night. If work takes more time than this, it could signify a potential problem.

Homework is expected to be completed fully, on time, and be exemplary of the student's best efforts. In the event that excessive assignments are due, parents will be notified. Hopefully, this will eliminate the potential for serious problems. It is, however, understood that a student with prolonged illness or a legitimate reason will be given consideration.

The seventh grade team asks for your support and cooperation in properly supervising your child's work. The PRIME RESPONSIBILITY for learning still remains with the STUDENT. With your help, we anticipate a successful year for every student.

In addition, each teacher is scheduled to offer extra help one afternoon a week. Teachers often offer extra sessions on other days on an as needed basis.

Mrs. Clark – Wednesday      Mr. Sweet – Wednesday      Mrs. Beane – Monday      Mr. Ewart - Friday

Mrs. Halacy – Tuesday      Mrs. Landini – Monday      Mrs. Mordini - Thursday

**SCIENCE:** Mrs. Beane- Science will be a motivating, challenging program of study, encompassing all areas of life science within the Massachusetts Frameworks. Assignments will be given nightly Monday through Thursday. Study skills are taught within the core curriculum to allow students to effectively prepare for assessments. In addition, *Science Today* reports, which are cooperative group assignments, will allow the learner to keep up to date in the area of life science. Extra help is available and students are encouraged to take advantage of this. The science class will motivate, help to build self-esteem, instill proficient study skills, and hopefully enlighten each student to reach his or her potential.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** The social studies curriculum for 7th grade will involve the areas of study detailed in the Massachusetts Social Studies Curriculum Frameworks. They are Ancient Man, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Israel, and Rome. These topics will include the development of culture, civilization, and the relationship between our own civilization and those long passed into history. Using our textbooks and the History Alive program, we hope students will find this year rewarding and enjoyable. Parents are encouraged to get involved with their child's studies.

**MATH:** Mrs. Clark, Mr. Sweet. Each student is expected to perform to the best of his/her ability. Students should come to class every day prepared with their textbook, notebook/binder, pencil, and completed assignments. Assignments should be done neatly, and have all work shown. Homework is given on a regular basis. Assessments are given at the end of each unit and quizzes are given periodically. The math team members encourage anyone having difficulty to see them for extra help.

**LANGUAGE ARTS/READING:** Mrs. Halacy, Mrs. Landini. Language Arts/Reading will be challenging but rewarding. Teachers will work to create a classroom which enhances academic learning, self-esteem, respect, and the essential skills students will need in the future. Students will be responsible for writing assignments, oral presentations, cooperative learning activities, various research assignments, and homework.

Spelling, sentence correction/grammar, and vocabulary tests are given on a weekly basis. Literature tests are usually given at the end of a unit or at selected intervals in longer works. Extra help is available, and we encourage all students to ask for assistance.

## Supplies for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

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### **Required** supplies for core classes:

- ***Blue or black pens for all classes***
  - Colored pencils
  - Pencils and erasers for all classes
  - Pencil sharpeners.
  - Glue sticks
  - Calculators
  - 3-ring binders – the view type is requested – You are required to have a different binder for each class (with filler paper and dividers). If possible, color code them as follows: white for science, red for ELA/Reading, blue for social studies, black for math.
  - Pocket folders – at least 3
  - Highlighters/white board markers/markers
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### **Recommended** supplies

- ***Scissors***
  - Kleenex and/or paper towel donations
  - Spell checkers
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