**Grading, Homework, Late work, Absences, Tardies, Supplies, and Technology**

Time flies, and in 8th grade, our classrooms are the final stop before high school. In order to best prepare your child for this future, I wanted to make you and your child aware of our classroom policies and procedures concerning academics.

**Grading and Power School:**

Your child’s gradebook is online and you should monitor your child’s grades weekly. Power School will email you a weekly report or, if you set the app up on your phone, you will get notifications every time their grade changes.

***\*\*\*Yes, 8th grade is the final year before High School and yes, your child should begin to develop independence and responsibility. BUT, this does not mean totally letting go and letting your child stumble around on their own! Time and time again we’ve seen this strategy result in parents scrambling mid-year to discover why their child is failing and figuring out how to fix it. We suggest letting your child be independent and using Power School to monitor their progress, and to help guide and “coach” them as they begin to develop their academic independence during a time of great upheaval in their bodies and brains. They want independence, but they also want to know that we have their backs and won’t throw them into the deep end to swim with the sharks alone* ☺*)***

**Late Work:**

Life is not ideal. If there are reasons you believe your child’s work will be late please let me know ***before***the due date. I am very accommodating and understanding.

Otherwise, our late policy is as follows:

**\***Most assignment may be turned in up to **one week** late with a missing work form signed by the parent or guardian. If your child is missing work, this form will be sent home to you with him or her.

All unexcused late work will be docked 20 points and start at an 80% before grading.

Again, we will work with you **if we know ahead of time** and it’s a reason, not an excuse.

\*Assignments where students have chosen their own due dates must be turned in on the date chosen, no exceptions, and no late work accepted without prior approval. These assignments are usually long range and approval for late work must be submitted **far before** the due date (at least a week).

**Bathroom and Water**

Students are welcome to use the bathroom one at a time, with a pass, during independent work. Going to the bathroom during direct instruction is disallowed unless an emergency; more than one emergency a week will constitute a trip to the school nurse.

Water bottles are allowed in class as well as other drinks with screw on lids. **\*\*Please do not send your child to class with: Energy drinks, Coffee, or class bottles. These drinks will be confiscated and thrown away.**

**Tardies**

Students are expected to be in class on time. Every tardy disrupts our classroom and our learning! If a student is late, they will need a late note signed by a teacher or another adult.

Excessive tardies with or without notes will be dealt with on an individual basis.

**Supplies**

Students are expected to have all supplies they will need for class. The classroom will have storage for most of what the students will need, but a ***pencil and SSR reading book are required daily.***

**Homework**

Homework will consist of vocabulary to be completed on Quizlet and Reading logs. Reading logs are due every Friday.

**Technology (Laptops)**

Every student will be assigned a laptop. More information on policies will be distributed separately. While we utilize technology for instruction, projects, and assessment, it is by no means the focus of our classrooms.

**Technology (personal devices)**

**(cell phones, tablets, etc)**

The use of personal devices is not allowed. **Any** device that is **seen or heard** in class, for any reason**\*\*** will be confiscated and turned in to administration. **No exceptions.**

Students will have the opportunity to either store their devices in a designated space in the classroom or in their lockers.

***\*\*Special Note:***

***Please do not text or call your child during school hours. If you must get a message to your child during school hours, please call the office and they will deliver the message for you. This will help ensure that your child has no reason to break the personal device policy. Thank you!!!***

**Lessons**

Please refer to my webpage @ **mslangloisoms.weebly.com** for lesson updates, pictures, and project instructions! The weekly blog will be updated every Sunday. Almost any resource your child may need, that was used or given in class, will be found here!