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Dear Students,

As I welcome you to my class this year, I want to address important information about this class. I encourage you to be proactive and communicate with me directly if you have questions or concerns about class. You may always talk to me at the end of class, 7th period or email me.

**Preparation and materials:**

You should come to school each day with a LEARNING MINDSET. Students are required to bring their planner, necessary materials and textbooks every day to each class. Please always bring your books, planner, paper and writing instruments to class every day. Our classes rely heavily on technology. You will need access to a computer almost every day. If you don't have access to a computer at home, you can use the school computers and printer in the library. **Behavior expectations:**

School is a learning environment. Your teachers are committed to giving you a safe place to learn. Therefore, there are certain behavior expectations that we all follow including dress code, discipline and safety so that school can be a positive place for all of us. I will not hesitate to correct your behavior if necessary and contact your parents to help support you.

Basic classroom rules:

- Be on time to class and be prepared to work with all of your necessary materials.
- Be responsible for YOURSELF and focus on YOURSELF.
- Use good manners and be respectful of everyone.
- Work cooperatively with others, including classmates and teachers.
- Interrupting instruction is only acceptable in case of EMERGENCY.

**Communication:**

The most important part of becoming an independent and competent student is **COMMUNICATION**. You are expected to communicate in a respectful manner with your teachers and classmates. This includes voice tone, body language and good manners. Questions regarding grades, absences and personal issues should wait until THE END of class. You can also write your teacher a note or send an email. Interrupting instruction is only acceptable in case of EMERGENCY.

It is normal to feel stressed and overwhelmed at times. If you are struggling to understand the classroom procedures or are struggling with your workload, your first step is to communicate with your teachers. Make sure you attend 7th period to get help and extra time. We are here to help you!

## **Academic Expectations:**

In middle school, grades are based on points earned. This means that if you have late and/or missing assignments your grade will be lowered. Missing assignments and tests will devastate your grade and may cause you to fail. Work is posted on Google Classroom for easy student 24/7 access and grades are posted on Infinite Campus. Students are responsible for viewing the work and checking their grades.

Academic integrity is expected from all students. Behaviors such as copying work, “borrowing” work and asking classmates for answers are considered cheating. In those unfortunate instances, you will earn a zero and I will talk with you about making better choices.

## **Work Policy:**

6th, 7th and 8th grade Language Arts common policy is to NOT TO ACCEPT LATE WORK. Incomplete work will not receive credit. You must use class time wisely and attend 7th period if you need more time. If there are very rare circumstances beyond the student’s control, late work may be accepted at teacher’s discretion for partial credit only.

In order to be successful, you must be physically present in class. If it is absolutely necessary to be absent, try to make arrangements in advance with your teachers. If you miss school, it is YOUR responsibility to check GC for missed work and complete it by the due date. If you are absent on a due date, your work will be due upon your return. Please note: you will generally not get extra time to make up on-going assignments lasting 5+ class days. Under special circumstances, please see your teacher and make arrangements.

## **Grading policy:**

The 6th, 7th and 8th Language Arts grading policy is as follows:

- Practice 20% (classwork)
- Skills application 30% (reading and writing skills)
- Assessments/tests/quizzes 45%
- District Assessments 5%

## **Testing and assessments:**

Quizzes, tests and assessments are a major part of your overall grade. In order to do well on tests, you **MUST**: manage your time well, pay attention in class, participate in class and complete **ALL** classwork. **All StudySync tests are open book/notes.** Per the common 6th, 7th and 8th grade Language Arts policy, there are no re-takes. If you are absent on the day of a test, you will be expected to make up tests upon your return (during 7th period ONLY). If you fail to make up a test, your grade will show missing until it’s made up. Missed tests are never given during regular class time.

## **Technology:**

BVMS uses all available technology in the classroom. Students must comply with the district and school technology policy or risk losing privileges. This includes using technology for its intended classroom purpose, not web surfing nor social media. Cell phones should be put away in backpacks while on campus.

**Student name:**

**Grade:**

**Period:**

**Please review the syllabus with a parent. Then, sign the bottom and turn in by due date.**

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The 6th, 7th and 8th Language Arts policy is as follows:

- 24/7 access to work on GC. GC is not used for grading unless specified.
- Grades are posted only on IC.
- Academic integrity is always expected.

The 6th, 7th and 8th Language Arts work policy is as follows:

- Late work is not accepted.
- If absent on due date, work/projects/writing is due upon return.

The 6th, 7th and 8th Language Arts testing policy is as follows:

- There are no re-takes of tests.
- If absent on test day, you must take your test upon return during 7th period.

***We have reviewed the Syllabus together and understand 6th, 7th, and 8th grade policies.***

***Parent*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Student*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_