

SMLS Middle School Newsletter

September 3, 2019

Who Should I Contact?

If you have a concern about your student's progress or anything else about a specific class, we encourage you to contact the teacher directly. Direct communication is always the best way to understand how things are going in a particular class. A list of email addresses for all of our middle school teachers will be sent home soon.

Corrections

It is our policy in Middle School (grades 6/7/8) to not allow students to correct their work for half credit back. We feel strongly that, at the middle school level, we have a responsibility to expect students to be working carefully and thoroughly the first time they do an assignment.

Remind - Text Notifications

If you would like to receive text messages with announcements relevant to your student's class, just let Mrs. Lam know your cell phone number. Thank-you!



7/8 Devotions

We do devotions every morning. Students are encouraged to bring their own Bibles so they can highlight and make notes and a journal for journaling their prayers.

Math 6 & 7 - Please Note!



Your students will be using their chromebooks every day to watch Math tutorials. Please make sure they have

working headphones throughout the entire school year so that they can watch the tutorials without distraction.

Thank-you!

Locks for Lockers

We strongly encourage students to use a lock on their locker and to not share their combination with anyone. We cannot be responsible for items that go missing from unlocked lockers.



Planners/Homework

Students are strongly encouraged to have a paper planner or use Google calendar (if they have access to it at home) to keep track of assignments. Please discuss with your student what system of keeping track of due dates will work best for them.

We will begin posting assignment due dates on the Google Calendar this week. Please let Mrs. Lam know if you need access to this calendar.

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<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
Bring Your Parent to School Day; 8:30-10:00	9/19
5th/6th Grade Camp (overnight)	9/26-9/27
Protect Young Eyes presentation; 6:30	10/17

Academic Highlights

History 6/7/8 - American History

We are starting with the colonization of America this year in chapter 3. We're currently watching a History Channel documentary about the pilgrim's called *Desperate Crossings*.

ELA 6/7/8

Literature: We are starting the study of the novel *In His Steps*.

Grammar: We will be reviewing noun usage this week.

Science 6/7/8

We will be doing life Science this year in grades 6th-8th. Our first chapter is "Exploring and Classifying Life".

Math 6/7

We will begin working self-paced next week. For the first two weeks of school we are spending time reviewing Math concepts.

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