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SEVENTH GRADE CORE CURRICULUM LETTER

Dear students and parents,

We look forward to a challenging and successful year with your student. An important goal of 7th grade is to help students take responsibility for completing their work on time. Seventh grade core consists of a two-period block: one period of English/Language Arts and one period of Social Studies. All 7th grade core teachers work from the same set of Common Core Standards.

We will also utilize the new ELA curriculum, StudySync. This is a blended learning approach, accessible through electronic devices and printed text. It encompasses the CCSS through use of the 4 “C’s,” (Communication, Collaboration, Critical thinking, Creativity), with embedded grammar, spelling, and vocabulary, among many other exciting activities!

Students will learn how major events are related to one another in time. Maps, primary sources, and reference materials will be used to study countries, cultures, migrations, expansions, and disintegration of empires. Students will analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of early civilizations. In-depth research projects are a key component of the course as well.

It is important that students begin the year with a clear understanding of core procedures and expectations.

- Since homework is an extension of work done in class, it is vital that the work be complete, legible, and **TURNED IN ON TIME**. Due dates are firm.
- Each student is responsible for keeping careful track of assignments and due dates.
- All assignments have very clear expectations, which are thoroughly explained in class.
- When a student returns to school from an **EXCUSED** absence, he or she needs to arrange with the teacher to obtain makeup work.
- There is no “extra credit” for those students missing regular assignments, but there may be the occasional opportunity for bonus points.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Come to class prepared for success by bringing your fully charged computer, AR books, writing utensils, binder paper, etc.
2. Turn in homework as soon as you arrive in the classroom and get into your assigned seat with materials needed for the day.
3. Remain in your seat while instruction is being given. Sharpen pencils, throw away trash, and/or move into groups quickly and quietly when directed.
4. Use class time efficiently.
5. Follow the “Mustangs Must” expectations: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful.

We can be reached by sending a note with your student, calling the school at 606-4731, or by email. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns or to schedule a conference.

We anticipate an exciting year of new discoveries and growth for your student.

Sincerely,

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We understand the curriculum and expectations for seventh grade core. Additionally, your signature gives your permission to view PG and PG-13 curriculum-related movies in class, such as *The Outsiders*.

DATE_____Home phone #_____Core_____

STUDENT'S NAME (print)_____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (print)_____

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