

7th Grade

Greeting Middle School Parents and Students,

My Name is Miriam Nesbitt and I look forward to seeing all of you this fall. I will continue to teach middle-school Science and Social Studies at H.P.C.A. as I have for the past 5 years. I am a graduate of Eastern College/ University, with a B.A. in Elementary Education and a minor in Theology. This year will be my 17th year teaching and my 10th year at H.P.C.A.

The most significant way you can support me as a teacher is to stay tuned in to your child's progress. Often parents believe that when their child reaches middle school, they will take care of their school responsibilities on their own. As many of you know from previous years, this is not always the case. In order to stay abreast of your child's progress, you can do the following things:

1. Sign up in the office to be placed on RenWeb. For those who don't know, RenWeb is the website where all of your child's grades, homework and teacher's lesson plans can be accessed.
2. Each week your child will receive a progress report. One week the progress report will be a detailed report from RenWeb that shows all of your child's assignments and the grades they earned on them. The alternating week, the progress report will be a shortened report containing a summary of their homework grades and their progress in behavior and work habits. Progress reports are given out every week and must be signed and returned the following Monday. If they are not given out, we will send home a note stating that there will be no report that week.
3. Talk to your child daily about what they're doing in school, what assignments are due, when tests will be administered, and make sure they are prepared for school every day.
4. **STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE TEACHERS.** If you have questions, comments, if your child keeps telling you they don't have any homework or tests or work to do, or they tell you they didn't get a progress report, please call, write or email me immediately to confirm whether this is true.
5. Please make sure your child is wearing their **complete uniform** prior to leaving the house. Students may be kept from attending classes for uniform violations.
6. **For 7th Grade Parents** - 7th grade is the grade that most high schools will look at when they consider applicants for their freshman class. If you would like your child to go to a special admission public school or a private school, your child needs to do well in 7th grade. High school will look at four things in your child's records: report card grades, attendance, standardized test scores and behavior.

Proverbs 22:6 says "**Train** up a child in the way he or she should go and when they are out they will not depart from it." Training does not imply telling a child once. Training means teaching someone until they can perform a task or skill on their own. This is our goal for this year and beyond; to train our children to be ready to succeed in their future.

Let's Have a Great Year!

In Christ,
Mrs. Nesbitt