

Dear Parents,

We are privileged to have your child in 7th grade reading this year. We will be using a variety of genres such as fiction, poetry, drama, nonfiction, and media to explore and analyze vocabulary meaning, genre characteristics, plot, characterization, point of view, figurative language, setting, summarization and other reading skills. We will be working to achieve mastery in these areas in order to be successful on the 7th grade Reading STAAR test given at the end of the year. Our curriculum has a high appeal for middle school students and it utilizes a wide variety of resources and activities to better prepare your child for success. It combines text and digital print sources and seamlessly integrates reading passages and writing responses.

Students will take an assessment (CBA) each six weeks grading period to evaluate how they are progressing in STAAR preparation. These assessments may be counted twice; however, students will be given an opportunity for improvement if that is the case. Grading procedures will follow BMS grading guidelines as described in the student handbook. Most grades will be counted once as a daily grade with the exception of major projects, and corrections will not be allowed. Any improvements to the grade will be at the discretion of the teacher. A minimum of two grades will be given each week and no one grade will count more than 20% of the grade average. All grades can be viewed through the Parent and Student Portal to GradeBook online. Contact the front office for more information.

Students will need the following supplies as soon as possible:

- Small three ring binder
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Set of 5 dividers
- Pens, pencils, highlighters, map pencils, glue sticks, scissors, and erasers should be brought to class every day in the student's binders or backpack.

These supplies were included in the school-wide supply list. Please let us know if you are unable to provide these items.

The best way to contact us is through email which has been provided to you below. We look forward to a great school year and appreciate your assistance in preparing your child for SUCCESS!!

Sincerely,

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