

Mt. Pleasant Middle School
Syllabus

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Learning Connections

7th Grade | English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies
2020 - 2021

TEACHER DETAILS:

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Office Hours for Remote Learning- Planning (9:25-10:16) and Afternoon (3:15-4:00)

COURSE DETAILS & DESCRIPTION:

In 7th grade Social Studies, we will be covering World History since 1450. Our focus is to cover the changes in societies in the entire world, not just a focus of Western civilization. Some of the topics will be familiar to you and others will not. In any case, we look to accomplish this feat with group discussion, presentations, debate, cooperative learning, and individual work.

In 7th grade English/Language Arts, we will be reading a variety of texts in various formats (novels, short stories, articles, information texts) in several different genres. We will also be writing several different essays such as memoirs, argumentative essays, and informational essays.

In 7th grade Science, we will cover understanding motion, forms of energy, cycling of matter (water and gases) relating to the Earth's atmosphere, weather and climate and the effects on the atmosphere, living organisms, relationship of the mechanisms of cellular reproduction and patterns of inheritance.

In 7th grade Math, we will cover topics in ratio and proportional relationships, the number system, expressions and equations, geometry, and statistics and probability.

OBJECTIVES:

In our Learning Connections Classroom, we will be learning the 7th grade standards in their core content subjects (English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies). In addition, we will also focus on their Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals. We will be supporting students in their social emotional needs as well.

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REQUIRED TEXTS AND RESOURCES:

We will be using Microsoft Teams for our Live instruction and for our small group live sessions. Texts and resources in all areas are available electronically to students through Canvas, BrainPOP, Flocabulary, Quizlet, Edpuzzle, I-Ready, iCivics, etc.

Work will be submitted in Canvas.

Binder (obtained at the time you picked up the ChromeBook) with a copy of notes in all core content areas, IEP work, and Social/Emotional Skills

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS:

Parents and students may reach out with questions and concerns through both email and Remind. Parents and students can expect a response within 1 business day. Classroom announcements will be made using the Remind app and on Canvas. I encourage every student and parent to join their designated class in Remind.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNMENTS:

1. As 7th Graders, we expect that your work be completed by the deadline given.

2. Daily Expectations:

- Be Prepared. Have your materials ready at the beginning of class, and complete your assignments by the deadline given.
- Remember our class Bees: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Honest, and Be Safe.
- Give your best effort at ALL times

3. NO PLAGIARISM OR CHEATING. All work submitted is expected to be your own. This includes copying and pasting from one document into another. All answers should be in your own words. Again, give your best effort at ALL times.

4. We will use Canvas for activities and assignments. All work should be submitted through Canvas unless otherwise specified. We will also use outside resources such as BrainPOP, I-Ready, Quizlet, Edpuzzle, and Flocabulary, and you will be expected to submit work through those sites as well.

5. Materials:

- The class binder that was given to you at ChromeBook pick up. This has notes we will be completing during our instruction.
- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Pencils, highlighters, and colored pencils

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6. Late work and missing assignments:

- All work has a due date. Some the day of (warm ups, for example), some the next day, or some may have a due date several days after it was assigned.
- It is best to complete and turn in/submit your work by the due date.
- However, any work that is submitted after the Friday of that week will have points deducted for being late (for example, Monday's assignment is due Tuesday but you submit it on Thursday - no points deducted. But, Monday's assignment is due Tuesday but you submit it on Sunday evening, you will have points deducted for being late.).
- All work will need to be completed and submitted, even if late or missing. It's better to have points taken off than to have a zero.

7. Assignments, quizzes, tests, and/or any activities that do not show mastery of knowledge: You will be given a chance to go through the lesson, work with me or Mrs. Burrage, and re-do the assignment, quiz, test, or activity. My goal is for you to understand the material. Sometimes we need to redo the lesson for that to happen, and that is ok.

8. Grading for 7th grade: Grades are on a 10 point grading scale. You will see points assigned to an assignment or assessment in Canvas.

Assignments and assessments for 7th grade are weighted. Please see the percentages below for the grading categories. These percentages apply to the overall grade for the term.

Activities/Individual work	30%
Quizzes/Projects	30%
Tests	40%