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Welcome to Team Brown!

Soon it will be time for us to welcome you back to Cawley and to the 7th Grade! As the summer wears on, perhaps you have some questions about the year to come. We have enclosed some information to help you, as you get ready for this year. Your core teachers will be Mrs. Jones for Language Arts, Mrs. Rodway for Social Studies, Mrs. Schaeffer for Math and Mrs. Ward for Science. Mr. Gregoire is our team's special education teacher. Our goal is give you the best education possible while making your 7th Grade year exciting and memorable. We have a lot of exciting things planned for this year and can't wait to meet you!

Social Studies: This year we will be using simulations, discussions, writing, and reading to explore a portion of American History. Our topics of study will include the Constitution, Westward Expansion, the Civil War, Reconstruction, Industrialization, the Growth of Urban Society, the Progressive Era, Imperialism, and World War I. Throughout the year we will be investigating the geography and culture of the places where the events that we study take place. We will also actively monitor and complete work related to current world events.

Math: You are in for an exciting and busy year in Math. Our focus this year is for all of us to become better problem solvers and communicators! We will be learning about rational numbers, rational number operations, simplifying expressions, solving algebraic equations and inequalities, direct and indirect proportions, angle properties, geometric construction, volume and surface area of solids, statistics, and probability. We will be doing this by working in small groups as well as individually.

Language Arts: This year in Language Arts, I am looking forward to having lots of fun! Literature Circles, Argumentative Writing, Poetry, Plot, Conflict, Theme and Vocabulary are just a few of the things we will focus on. In alignment with the Common Core, we will also focus on citing textual evidence, and close reading strategies. Independent reading is required and will help to further develop and strengthen individual reading fluency and comprehension while enhancing critical thinking skills and a love for reading.

Science: Throughout the year, our curriculum will focus on Earth, Life, and Physical Science. Our units of study include, Ecology, Weather & Climate, Forces & Interactions, and Planetary Science. We will spend some time examining how scientific theories have changed over time and how technology has increased our understanding of the planet we live on. We will be concentrating much of our learning in science class on using a hands-on inquiry based approach to learning. This will help us focus on our goal to develop critical thinking, independent learning and collaborative skills.

If you have any questions or concerns, the most efficient way to contact us is via email. We are looking forward to having a great year with each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

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Supply List for TEAM BROWN:

Social Studies

- 1 three-ring binder (1.5 inch size or larger) with dividers
- lined paper for binder

Math

- 1 three-ring binder or a pocket folder
- A large notebook
- 4-pack of dry erase markers

Language Arts

- 1 notebook of any kind
- 1 three-ring binder (at least 1.5 inch size) with 3 dividers that have pockets
- lined paper for binder
- 1 pocket folders (for inside of the binder)

Science

- One composition notebook
- 1 three-ring binder (2 inch size)
- lined paper for binder
- Dividers are optional

All classes - Some of these items will need to be replaced periodically.

- at least one package of both pens & pencils
- lined filler paper for binders
- colored pencils
- dry-erase markers
- highlighters
- colored markers
- fine point permanent colored markers (sharpie)
- glue sticks /glue
- student agenda -- provided by PTO
- ruler with centimeters
- pouches to carry writing instruments

Helpful Home Resources

- protractor
- a scientific calculator
- internet access, either at home or the town library
- gummed reinforcements (for repair of ripped, punched paper)
- pad of graph paper (quarter inch)

If you do BYOD... please put these apps on your device!



Google Drive



Google Classroom