

Grizzly Team Syllabus

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Welcome to the Grizzly Team!! We are very excited for the upcoming school year and the opportunity to get to know each of you in our classes. Please sign and return the student information sheet by Friday, August 28th to your reading teacher.

Basic Student Responsibilities

1. Keep track of your own books and assignments.
2. Start your work on time and allow time to finish.
3. Ask for help when you need it.
4. Do your own work.
5. Turn your work in on time.
6. Accept responsibility for grades and other consequences.

Homework Policy and Procedures

Homework is a balance system between the student, parents, and teacher. If the three parties work together, a successful homework system will be in place. This will provide a smooth transition to independent learning and a successful 8th grade year.

Student Responsibility

- Keep track of books and assignments
- Start on time and allow time to finish
- Do own work with only limited assistance.
- Turn in work on time.
- Accept responsibility for grades or other consequences.

Parent Responsibility

- Establish a regular time for homework
- Establish a regular place for homework
- Provide necessary materials and supplies
- Provide limited instruction and assistance.
- Establish logical consequences for noncompliance and follow through.

Teacher Responsibility

- Provide instruction.
- Provide materials.
- Provide deadlines.
- Provide encouragement.
- Provide feedback regarding work returned.

Homework will be assigned most days and will be due at the beginning of class the following day, unless otherwise noted. Projects will be assigned periodically and due dates will be strictly enforced. According to the Cherokee Middle School handbook, to receive full credit, and assignment must be turned in complete and on time. Assignments that are turned in late will be accepted for partial credit until the unit or chapter for which the assignment was assigned is completed. After the unit or chapter as been completed, late work **will not** be accepted.

Students may use our websites to help keep track of their assignments and due dates. The websites **do not** take the place of the student planner. Each student will write all assignments and due dates in their planners to be checked periodically.

Dunn (Communication Arts) - <http://dunngrizzlyenglish.blogspot.com/>
Harger (Social Studies) - <http://grizzlyhistory.blogspot.com/>
Wright (Math/Algebra) - <http://www.the-wright-math.blogspot.com>
Youngblood (Science) - <http://grizzlyscience.blogspot.com>

Absences

Regular attendance is required and necessary in order to successfully understand and complete the material covered in all classes. Using our websites, students can determine what assignments they missed before returning to school. Upon returning to school after an absence, it is the responsibility of the student to collect any missed handouts and assignments given while absent. Students must make up any tests/quizzes during a time set-up by the teacher, most likely this will be before or after school. If the child does not make up the test/quiz during the assigned time, they will receive a zero. All work must be made up within amount of days as the absence occurred. For example, if your child is absent for 2 days, they will have 2 days to make up **ALL** work.

Tardy Policy

- 1st Tardy – Warning
- 2nd Tardy – Warning
- 3rd Tardy- Lunch Detention
- 4th Tardy – Lunch Detention – Call Parents
- 5th – 7th Tardy – After School Detention
- 8th or more Tardy – In School Suspension

Tardies will go back to Zero at the beginning of the 2nd semester.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism, as defined in the student planner on pg. 15, is using someone else's work as one's own. When a student is using information from print or online resources, he/she must acknowledge the author's words. Plagiarism will not be tolerated at Cherokee Middle School. Furthermore, the site known as Wikipedia.com will not be accepted as a source of information for any student work. The information on this site is not considered credible and authentic.

Questions & Concerns

We encourage students who have questions or experience difficulty to come and see us before or after school as soon as possible. It is our goal to work with students toward achieving a successful experience during their 8th grade year. We welcome parental telephone calls or e-mails if you have questions or concerns about your student's work.

8th Grade English



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Course Description:

In this class, the students will learn how to communicate effectively through their writing. Reading will also be an integral part of the course. It helps the students widen their vocabulary, knowledge, and writing skills. The goal is to create lifelong learners.

Supplies

- 1 Composition Notebook
- 1 Pocket folder
- Loose leaf lined notebook paper
- Blue/Black pens
- #2 pencils
- Kleenex - for community use
- Hand Sanitizer - for community use
- 3x5 index cards
- Small size sticky notes (1 ½" x 2" and/or 2"x3")
- Glue stick
- Markers/colored pencils
- USB flash drive - recommended, not required

Expectations

- Show respect to yourself, your classmates, and the school at all times.
- Come to class prepared with all required materials.
- Be in seat and on task when the bell rings.
- Do your own and best work.
- Complete your assignments on time.
- You are required at all times to have a book with you for your personal reading.

Reading

You will be required to read at least two books first quarter. That number is subject to change each quarter. You will be working on reading strategies and comprehension skills through self-selected books and classroom reading material.

Writing

You will be journaling daily. These journals could be reactions to your book or a question that a classmate or I pose. In addition, you will be required to write using a variety of forms and styles. Grammar and writing skills will be embedded throughout each writing assignment.

Note: Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

Text

We are using McDougal-Littell's The Language of Literature and Great Source's Write Source. The literature book is accessible online (most of it) and can be accessed at www.classzone.com.

Late Work

Late work will not be accepted after the grading period is over. If an assignment is turned in late, it will be reduced by at least 10% of the grade received.

Grades

Grades will be based on total points earned on all assignments, tests, projects, and daily participation.

Additional Help

I will come before school at anytime as long as the student arranges the meeting with the parent and me in advance. I am unavailable afterschool because I am the cheerleading and pep club co-sponsor. Please feel free to email or call with any questions or concerns that you may have.

I have read the information and agree to follow these policies.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

SOCIAL STUDIES – 8th

Mrs. Harger
Course Syllabus

Goal:

Students will understand and appreciate the diversity and uniqueness of their heritage and their role in extending and continuing the pursuit of individual and collective rights of all people.

Concept:

In order to understand their heritage, students need to be able to identify how important events of our nation's history relate to each other and to their own lives. Students will identify the many cultural groups that made contributions and impacted on the United States from 1700 – 1865.

Classroom Rules

1. Treat everyone, including the teacher, with respect.
2. Use kind words and actions toward others.
3. Do everything you can to help yourself and others learn.

Homework will be assigned most days and will be due at the beginning of class the following day, unless otherwise noted. Projects will be assigned periodically and due dates will be enforced according to the CMS handbook, to receive full credit, an assignment must be turned in complete and on time. Assignments can be turned in until the chapter for which the assignment was assigned is completed. After the chapter has been completed and the test given, late work will not be accepted.

Expectations

Students are to arrive in class each day with needed materials: **paper, pencil or pen, student planner, and textbook**. Each student is expected **to complete all assignments to the best of his/her ability**.

Excessive tardies and absences **WILL** affect the student's grade. Upon returning from an absence, the **student is responsible** for making arrangements with Mrs. Harger to make up missed work. A student who is absent when an assignment is due will turn it in the day he/she returns.

Tardy scope and sequence

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- 8th Tardy –ISS

I have read and discussed this syllabus for Social Studies with my child.

SIGNATURES:

Parent/guardian _____

Student _____

Date _____

Thank you, C. Harger charger@spsmail.org



8th Grade Math Policy Statement



Mrs. Lindsay Wright, Teacher

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Course Description: The eighth grade mathematics program emphasizes problem solving strategies for both routine and non-routine problems. Students will be involved in learning how to collect information, communicate information mathematically, solve problems from a real-world context and justify solutions to the problems. This course will integrate the abstract ideas of algebra, including use of patterns, generalizations, analyzing linear equations and relationships, graphing and the application of geometric ideas and concepts.

Grading Policy: Grades will be based on the points earned and will include all scores on class work, homework, participation, projects, quizzes, and tests. A progress report will be sent home every 3 weeks. Report cards are sent home with you approximately one week after the end of each of the first three quarters and mailed at the end of the fourth quarter.

Classroom Rules:

- Respect one another at all times – when someone is speaking, listen
- Follow directions at all times
- Mind your manners: say “please” and “thank you”
- Bring required materials to class.
- Be in your seat when the bell rings working on your bell work.
- Carry out your basic student responsibilities (see below)

Student Responsibilities:

- Keep track of your own books and assignments.
- Start your work on time and allow time to finish.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Do your own work.
- Turn your work in on time.
- Accept responsibility for grades and other consequences.

Consequences: Every situation will be handled on an individual basis and will follow the Cherokee handbook. Remember, each day is a new day!!!

Assignments: At the beginning of each unit, an assignment sheet will be given to each student. This assignment sheet will help students keep track of their homework, notes and vocabulary. The assignment sheet and all assignments are due the day of the test. Although the work is not due until the end of the unit, assignments will be assigned in each class and is due at the beginning of the next class period for corrections. If corrections are not made on the homework, it will be considered “late” when turned in at the end of the unit. To receive full credit on an assignment, you **must show all work, complete all problems and make corrections.** Since math is a cumulative subject, completion of all assignments is extremely important for success in this class. Late work will not be accepted after the completion of the unit test.

Quizzes and Quets: Quizzes will be given frequently (announced and unannounced) to assess your comprehension, and a test will be given after every unit. All 8th grade students will be tested in math on the MAP test in the spring.

Attendance: Regular attendance is required and necessary in order to successfully understand and complete the material covered in this course. My website can help you stay on top of assignments missed. The web address is: www.the-wright-math.blogspot.com. Upon returning to school after an absence, it is your responsibility to collect any missed handouts and/or assignments. If you missed a quiz or test, **I will assign a time for you to make it up (most likely before or after school).** If you chose not to make it up at that time, you will receive a zero on that quiz/question. Late work will be accepted according to the school-wide policy as stated in the Cherokee Middle School student handbook.

Tardies: You are expected to be in your seat, quiet, and working on the bell work when class begins. The following is a school wide tardy policy adopted by ALL teachers.

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4th Tardy – Lunch Detention – Call Parents
5th Tardy – After School Detention with principal or assistant principal
8th Tardy - ISS

Tardies will go back to Zero at the beginning of the 2nd semester.

Supplies: The following supplies should be brought to class each day:

Textbook
Calculator (recommend the TI-30 or any scientific calculator)
1" 3-ring binder with 3 dividers
Pencil Pouch
Pencils
Highlighter
Checking Pens

Questions & Concerns: If you have questions or experience difficulty, I encourage you to come and see me before or after school as soon as possible. Do not wait until test day to tell me you are having difficulties. You need to visit with me well in advance of any test if you need extra help. It is my goal to work with you to achieve a successful math experience. I welcome parental telephone calls or e-mails if you have questions or concerns about your student's work.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you throughout the year. Please let me know if there anything I can do to make your school year go any smoother.

Mrs. Wright



Algebra Policy Statement



Mrs. Lindsay Wright, Teacher

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Website: www.the-wright-math.blogspot.com

Course Description: The first formalized course involving continuation of fundamental math deals with abstract ideas (letters in place of numbers), use of patterns, generalizations, solving linear and quadratic equations, graphing, simplifying radicals, and solving word problems. Work includes independent study. This course is a prerequisite for Geometry or Geometry Honors.

Grading Policy: Grades will be based on the points earned and will include all scores on class work, homework, participation, projects, quizzes, and tests. A progress report will be sent home every 3 weeks. Report cards are sent home with you approximately one week after the end of each of the first three quarters and mailed at the end of the fourth quarter.

Classroom Rules:

- Respect one another at all times – when someone is speaking, listen
- Follow directions at all times
- Mind your manners: say “please” and “thank you”
- Bring required materials to class.
- Be in your seat when the bell rings working on your bell work.
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Quizzes and Quests: Quizzes will be given frequently (announced and unannounced) to assess your comprehension, and a test will be given after every unit. Algebra students are required to take an End-of-Course assessment after the completion of the course. More information about the EOC will come in the spring. All 8th grade students will be tested in math on the MAP test in the spring.

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I am looking forward to getting to know each of you throughout the year. Please let me know if there anything I can do to make your school year go any smoother.

Mrs. Wright

Parent Signature

Student Signature

8th Grade Science Syllabus

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Conference Times: Call for appointment

Safety Contract

All students in Springfield Public Schools are required to sign a safety contract for participation in lab activities. Parents are also required to sign this agreement. These safety contracts will be presented to students after in class safety training and once signed will be kept on file.

Class Expectations

- 1) All students will behave in a safe manner, especially during labs.
- 2) Come to class with something to write with every day!
- 3) Consider how your actions affect others, and act accordingly.

Course Description

In the 8th grade we explore Earth Science and related concepts. During the year we will be learning about weather, astronomy, internal/external Earth processes, and chemistry.

Course Major Instructional Goals: These can be found @ <http://sps.k12.mo.us/curriculum/migs/>

Grading Scale

94-100% =	A	74-76% =	C
90-93% =	A-	70-73% =	C-
87-89% =	B+	67-69% =	D+
84-86% =	B	64-66% =	D
80-83% =	B-	60-63% =	D-
77-79% =	C+	Below 60% =	F

Cherokee Tardy Policy

- 1.1st = Warning
- 2.2nd = Warning
- 3.3rd = Lunch Detention
- 4.4th = Lunch Detention + Parent Phone Call
- 5.5th – 7th = Referral + After School Detention
- 6.8th + = Referral + ISS

***A student is considered tardy to school/class if they have an “L” on their admit slip from Cindi.

The tardy policy is enforced for 1st period as well. Tardies will go back to Zero at the beginning of the 2nd semester

Late Work

Late work will be accepted according to the school wide policy guidelines found in the student handbook.

Absences & Make Up Work

Attendance is vital for effective learning. If you must be absent it is your responsibility to call a friend, email Mr. Y, access the homework webpage or make arrangements with Mr.Y before or after school. See your student handbook for specific school policies on make up work & credit.

Extra Credit

Extra Credit is RARE and when offered is to the class as a whole. No extra credit will be accepted from students with missing assignments, you must complete those (even if they are worth zero points) before extra credit will be an option. Extra credit will be capped at 10% of total points available in a semester.

Plagiarism

Don't do it! Plagiarism is basically when you pass off someone else's work as your own. Keep in mind when using resources that you properly attribute them in your final work. We will discuss this further in class. Please see your handbook and be aware of this policy.

Class Textbook

Your text is a valuable resource! Be sure to check the homework section of the board to see when it is assigned to be brought to class. You can access the text online by going to <http://my.hrw.com> , use the login name "grizzlysci" password: grizzly