

Classroom Policies

We abide by the behavior standards and rules in the MCS Student Handbook and the MCS Middle School Syllabus.

Since Middle School is a time when students are transitioning into being independently responsible, we will approach specific classroom behaviors by asking ourselves two questions:

1. Does this demonstrate excitement for learning?
2. Does this honor the dignity of other people?

Homework

Class time will be given to complete assignments. Any work not completed in class will become homework. Free-choice reading and vocabulary study need to be completed outside of class.

Reading Logs

Reading logs will be filled out each Monday. Students are responsible for 100 minutes of free-choice, parent-approved reading each week.

Vocabulary Quizzes

Each Monday students will be assigned vocabulary words and Latin/Greek root words. A quiz be given each Friday.

Newsela Reading

Students will complete (1) Newsela article, quiz, and writing assignment each week. Students may work ahead within each month.

Assignment Submission

Most assignments will be submitted via Google Classroom. All work must be Times New Roman, 12 pt. Font.

Writing Portfolio

Students will keep an online writing portfolio in Google Drive. They are responsible to make corrections to returned writing assignments before saving them in their portfolio.

Absences

If a student is absent it is their responsibility to complete missed work and schedule any missed quizzes. Most work will be accessible online.

Please note that sometimes work may be completed cooperatively or orally in class and if a student is absent *he/she must submit written work*.

Extra credit opportunities

Students may complete book reports for extra credit. *Extra credit can only be applied when all regular assignments are completed* and can raise a grade by a maximum of 5 percentage points. Other extra credit opportunities may come up throughout the year.