**Student**

**Handbook**

**7th Grade Core**

**Ms. Hudson**

**2018-2019**

**Dear Students,**

**Welcome to the 7th Grade! I am so excited to be working with you this year. I love teaching middle school and I am looking forward to the work we will do together. In this class we will read, write, talk, listen, share ideas & opinions, question, debate, tolerate and appreciate, make mistakes, and make discoveries. It is my goal that we will learn to communicate effectively. It is my expectation that you will come to class everyday with an open mind and ready to learn and engage. I also need you to come to class everyday with your “just right” reading book because we will be reading everyday.**

**Some of your other responsibilities this year are to…**

* **…make every effort to be at school and in class…on time…every day.**
* **…ask for clarification when you don’t understand something.**
* **…when you are absent, find out what you missed and need to make up.**
* **…respectfully challenge me if you disagree with something I’ve told you. (I know it’s surprising, but I’m NOT always right!)**
* **…plan time for reading and possible homework every week night.**
* **…ask parents to help to help you find a peaceful work space and any needed materials.**
* **…start and practice good habits related to school (turn in work on time, keep a positive attitude about classes, teachers, and peers, keep your materials organized, do quality work…)**
* **…READ at least 30 minutes at least 30 min per day, 4 times per week!**

**Grading:**

**My goal in this classroom is that every student puts forth their best effort and engages fully in the learning that will take place this year. When there is an assignment, whether it be individual or group work, I expect that you try your hardest and complete the assignment because it is important to you. I review and grade your work, however not every assignment will receive a letter grade. Because of this, you should be aware that everything you do could potentially be included in your final grade. Reading daily is of the highest importance for me. Pick a book at your level and read, read, read at least 30 minutes daily on the days we are together. I believe that by reading books that are interesting to you, you will expand your world and continue to develop your love of reading.**

**In terms of final grades, you should be proud of the work you have done that score high scores, and consider the ones that do not as an opportunity to grow.**

**Below are the assignment categories and weights for this class:**

**Writing projects, end of unit assessments and tests 30%**

**Participation, coming prepared to class, Collaboration 30%**

**Reading Log 20%**

**ELA/SS Portfolio 20%**

**If at any time you need help or have a question about classwork or out of class assignments, please ask me because I am here to help!**

**You can email me (****ehudson@mvschools.org)** **or stop by my room directly after school to talk.**

**Thanks and have an amazing year!**

**Ms. Hudson**

**Expectations for Reading this year**

* **Read as much as you can, as joyfully as you can**
* **Read at home for at least 30 minutes everyday**
* **Find books, authors, subjects, themes and genres that matter to you, your life who you are now and who you might become**
* **Try new books! Try new authors, themes, series and subjects to expand your horizons**
* **Record your reading totals daily in your reading log**
* **Bring your book to class with you everyday**
* **Use your ELA notebook to record your quick jots after our clas read alouds**
* **Establish goals and work towards improving yourself as a reader**

**Expectations for Group Work this Year**

* **Participate and follow our classroom norms for collaboration**
* **Contribute by following the expectations for your role in the activity**
* **Listen respectfully to others**
* **Stay in your group**
* **Use language appropriate to the activity**