



Welcome to Team 7A!

Grade 7

2017-2018

Team 7A Teachers:

- Ms. Barber—Language Arts
- Mrs. Labrencis—Social Studies
- Ms. Semprebom—Mathematics
- Ms. Rulli—Science
- Ms. Rinaldi—Spanish
- Mrs. Tuller—Team Teacher



Contact Us:

If you find it necessary to contact one of the teachers on the team, please feel free to do so.

We find email to be the best method of communication, but you can also write a note in your child's planner.

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Student and Parent Information

As a team, we strive together to be honest, trustworthy, and respectful, both in and outside of the classroom. Each of these qualities will enable our students to SOAR! Vernon Center Middle School is continuing the Positive Behavior Support initiative. We will acknowledge students who are learning and behaving in a positive and appropriate manner, and we will support those who need to improve in these areas.

We have high expectations for everyone on Team 7A to be polite, respectful, and well-behaved, therefore striving to achieve their personal best. Students on Team 7A will be expected to come to class prepared to learn and be equipped with the materials necessary to participate in each class.

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We recognize the importance of the parents' role on Team 7A. Here are some ways in which parents can support their middle-schooler:

- ✓ Set aside a quiet place and a specific time for homework.
- ✓ Become familiar with your child's planner—this is where all assignments are to be written for each class.
- ✓ Check the neatness and quality of your child's homework, notebook, and planner regularly.
- ✓ Regularly assist your child in reorganizing his/her binders.

- ✓ Ask your child to share with you what he or she is learning in class.
- ✓ Contact the team teachers with any questions or concerns via email, a note in the planner, or phone call.
- ✓ Restock your child's school supplies as needed.
- ✓ Check ASPEN often to see your child's progress in each class.
- ✓ Check your email regularly for classroom emails regarding upcoming assignments and activities.

As part of this team effort, we hope that you will see to it that your child comes to school each day well rested, prepared to work, and with a positive, cooperative attitude.



Summer Reading Requirement and Math Challenge

"THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO."

— Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

The VCMS Language Arts Department is requiring each student to read a minimum of one book at their reading level over the summer.

Students were sent home with a book, along with an Active Reader Report worksheet that they must complete.

There will be an assignment of some kind on the book read over the summer in the first week or so of school.

Students were also given a summer math challenge packet in June; they will earn extra credit from Ms. Semprebom if returned.



# School Supply Shopping List



Organization is an ongoing issue for many middle school students. As a team we feel it is up to the individual student to find their own organizational style; therefore, there are no set requirements with regards to binders and notebooks for their academic classes.

The required binders are two binders, a 1-1/2 (for math) and a 3-inch that will hold the student school-provided daily planner, two folders, and some subjects. Three spiral notebooks are also required, two single-subject and one three-subject.

Please take some time this summer to discuss organizational strategies with your student and find one that best works for them. All team teachers will be more than happy to assist with this process as well at the start of the school year.

Students are required to have a regularly stocked supply of the following:

- ✓ Pencils (required for all classes)
- ✓ Erasers (block or pencil toppers)
- ✓ Blue, black, and red pens
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Pencil pouch—helpful for keeping all of the above items handy while at school
- ✓ Dividers (one pack)
- ✓ Loose leaf paper (4pkg—leave 3 at home)
- ✓ Index cards for Social Studies
- ✓ 3 spiral notebooks—1 each for math and science (both single subject) and 1 for Spanish with 3 sections
- ✓ Book Covers: Brown paper bags are the best book covers. No Book Sox or adhesive covers, please.
- ✓ Two binders: a 1 1/2 inch binder—for math (the math books will go into the binder) and a 3-inch for the planner, homework folders, and some subjects.
- ✓ 2 homework folders with holes.
- ✓ Dry erase markers and a calculator are recommended for math.
- ✓ A set of ear buds/headphones

**NOTE: Students are not permitted to have Sharpie-type permanent markers at school. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THEM.**



## STUDENT PLANBOOK

A planbook/agenda will be provided by VCMS; you will not need to purchase one. The planbook is a valuable resource for students, parents, and teachers. Students need to write their assignments in their planbook each block and should bring it home each day so you can monitor assignments and read any communication from the teachers. If your child loses or destroys the planner, a new one must be purchased for \$5.00 from the main office.

# First Day of School Procedure



Team 7A students will be expected to report to their homeroom promptly after the 7:32 a.m. bell on the first day of school.

A label affixed on the front of this letter indicates your homeroom assignment. The last two digits of the homeroom assignment number indicate the homeroom teacher's room number.

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school!