

Welcome to Team 7B

Grade 7

2017-2018

Team 7B Teachers:

- Mrs. Dukette—Language Arts
- Miss Morella—Math
- Mrs. Palmiter—Social Studies
- Mrs. Wolfgang—Science
- Ms. Plourde—Spanish & French
- Mr. Kup—Special Education



Contact Us:

The best way to reach any member of Team 7B is through e-mail. Just visit the VCMS website <http://vernonpublicschools.org/staff-directory> and select the teacher you wish to contact.

Student and Parent Information

Welcome back to Vernon Center Middle School, and welcome to Team 7B. We hope that you have been enjoying your summer vacation and are looking forward to the start of the new school year.

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

On Page 2 of this letter, we have included a supply shopping list.

VCMS is requiring that each student choose a novel that is of interest to them to read over the summer. In addition, students should complete the Active Reader Report worksheet in order to prepare them for the assignment they will receive in the fall. The worksheet and lists of middle school appropriate books was sent home

We recognize the importance of the parents' role on Team 7B. 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 to reorganize binders.
- ✓ Ask your child to share with you what he or she is learning in class.
- ✓ Contact the team teachers with any questions or con-

cerns via email, a note in the planner, or phone.

- ✓ Stay on top of your child's grades by accessing Aspen on a regular basis. If you are unable to log-in, please contact the VCMS guidance department.
- ✓ Restock your child's school supplies as needed.

If you have any questions about an assignment or materials, please feel free to contact us. As part of this team effort, we hope you will help your child come to school each day well rested, prepared to work, and with a positive, cooperative attitude.



Summer Reading Requirement



with students at the end of the school year. Without reading and completing this organizer, students will begin the year at a disadvantage to their peers. If your child attended 6th grade at VCMS they received a free book from the book fair. We encourage them to read this book. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Dukette.

School Supply Shopping List



The key to success is an organizational strategy that works for the student. We suggest you choose one of the following organizational methods:

- ✓ One 4-inch binder for all core classes;
- ✓ Or One 1-inch binder for each core class (5 total)
- ✓ All students are required to have a spiral bound notebook for both Math and Science classes. They should have at least 100 pages and have a plastic cover.

SOAR Reading Block

VCMS will continue using the SOAR reading block each day. Every student MUST have an independent reading book

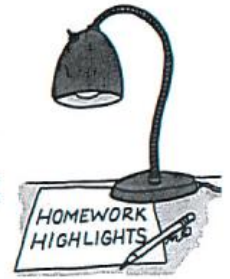
with them daily.

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

- ✓ Pencils (required for math, science, social studies)
- ✓ Erasers (block or pencil toppers)
- ✓ Blue, Black and Red pens
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Colored pencils (set of 12)
- ✓ Pencil pouch—helpful for keeping all of the above items handy while at school
- ✓ Loose leaf lined paper
- ✓ Dividers—2 packages of 5 or 1 package of 8
- ✓ Ear buds or headphones for use with the Chrome Books
- ✓ Recommended items, though not required: reinforcements, ruler, a mouse for computer use.
- ✓ Recommended items for home- glue, scissors, tape, calculator

NOTE: Students are not permitted to have Sharpie-type permanent markers at school. If you are looking to purchase markers, please make sure they are washable only.

*Unified Arts classes may require additional supplies.



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 communications from the teachers.

Homework

Students know the importance of good home study habits. Homework is essential to building and maintaining skills necessary for academic success. All assigned homework must be completed and turned in on the due date. Late work will only be accepted at teacher discretion for partial credit. Projects must be turned in by the due date to be eligible

First Day of School Procedure

Team 7B 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 has been attached to this paper indicating your homeroom assignment.

