

TBS MIDDLE SCHOOL Teachers Tips, Hints, and Tricks: Fall 2019

SCIENCE	
Science 6	<p>Instructor: Mary Tiginyanu We will be doing an electricity and magnet project, in the Spring</p>
Earth Science (7)	<p>Instructor: Mary Tiginyanu Students will have notes to take for each class. How they organize and keep track of their notes will help them reinforce what they learned in class. We have 2 to 3 quizzes per chapter and a chapter test. Students may use notes for quizzes, and we review quizzes after it's been corrected. Notes may not be used on tests. Quizzes are 10 points and tests are 100 points. Daily assignments are 3 points. Students will be assigned textbook reading, for homework, at times and how I will check is through note taking.</p>
Earth Science (8)	<p>Instructor: Mike Sandefur I'm available to meet with students after school on Mon, Tues and Thurs until 3:45</p> <p>Students will have at least 1 quiz per chapter and a chapter test. Some quizzes will be open book others will be open note. Each will be reviewed after it's been corrected. We will have some reading assigned as homework and there will be a knowledge check either through assigned questions to answer as they read or through a in class set of questions. Each section of the chapter has a small review section and we will utilize a mix of in class discussion with homework for each one.</p>
HISTORY	
History 6	<p>Instructor: Mary Tiginyanu Major projects: Chapter 2 history project "Mesopotamia" board games Chapter 4 Family Feud India Caste Game.</p>
World History/ Pacific Northwest History (7)	<p>Instructor: Kelli Soyring If students come home with an entire assignment to do, it is most likely because they did not use class time wisely. I very rarely give them anything to do that they did not at least have time to start or complete. I don't hand entire assignments to them to complete at home, unless it is something short like a Section Quiz from the textbook.</p>
U.S. History (8)	<p>Students can always CORRECT any test or quiz. It is not a retake. They will earn 1 point for every 2 they correct. They can use their book or any notes they need, but it has to be completed in my classroom at lunch, before, or after school.</p>
BIBLE	
Bible 6	<p>Instructor: Donna Brooks There will be weekly memory verse quiz and lesson quiz (every 5 school days, so days will vary)</p> <p>I put a 'C' in the comment/note section of RenWeb when a student has made corrections to an assignment.</p> <p>I commonly grade late work and corrections over the weekend.</p>
Bible 7/8	<p>Instructor: Mike Lundy Verse quiz ever Thursday. Students earn a participation grade each day: Coming to class without supplies marks down participation. Behavior impacts participation.</p>

ENGLISH

English 6	<p>Instructor: Mary Tiginyanu</p> <p>We will start Narnia, in November and Wrinkle in Time in Spring.</p>
English 7/8	<p>Instructor: Carly Madadi</p> <p>Work with your child to log on to and navigate the library website and database so he/she will have an easier time doing this on his/her own later.</p> <p>Have your child write their library card number and pin in their binder so they always have it on hand. We will be using the library database for research projects.</p> <p>Students can expect a weekly quiz (reading, vocabulary, grammar, etc.) in English. The day of the quiz may vary each week. Tests occur approx. once a month and at the end of each quarter.</p> <p>Students are required to print certain assignments at home, so please communicate ahead of time if your child is unable to print at home or having computer-related issues.</p>

MATH

Math 6 Math 7 Pre-Alg (8)	<p>Instructor: Donna Brooks</p> <p>I put a 'C' in the comment/note section of RenWeb when a student has made corrections to an assignment.</p> <p>Assignments & quizzes may be corrected for ½ credit (on correctly corrected problems)</p> <p>I commonly grade late work and corrections over the weekend.</p>
Algebra (8)	<p>Instructor: Su Cozart</p> <p>Will be working on reviewing basic skills (+/-/x/dividing – whole numbers, decimals, and fractions, per cents, etc.) for the first few weeks. We need to have basic math skills mastered in order to build a strong foundation.</p> <p>Multiplication Tables – study 3's – 12's. We will be testing daily – is a quiz grade. Free Flashcard Apps available (I found a good one for the iphone: Timz Tables).</p> <p>There is homework daily.</p> <p>I love to see the students' thought processes, so I require all work to be shown, not just an answer. All work must be done in pencil (we all make mistakes).</p> <p>Calculators – I do not have them in class because the students need to master their basic skills and then be able to maintain those skills by practice. They will be using their calculators for higher level skills like sine/cosine/radians/graphing etc. in Algebra 2 and other science classes. The students need to be able to quickly and easily do simple calculations in their heads. They can do it!</p> <p>Will be doing an extensive Algebra review all year so they will have the skills needed for Algebra 2.</p> <p>Get help early!!!!!! If they don't understand something and they wait a few days, they will already be behind. I encourage them to come in before school or at lunch for help.</p>

ELECTIVES	
MS yearbook	<p>Instructor: Myra Norman</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation is KEY 2. Teamwork focus 3. May need to take some MS sports pics if can stay after school
MS Band	<p>Instructor: Stephen Abeshima</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should bring their instruments to school every day. If a student does not have their instrument, they will lose class participation points for that day. • Weekly practice sheets are due every Wednesday!
MS Computers/ Digital Photography	<p>Instructor: Mike Sandefur</p> <p>I'm available to meet with students after school on Mon, Tues and Thurs until 3:45</p> <p>We have a group that already has a decent understanding of computers. We're quickly covering Microsoft Office and then we'll be utilizing CodeHS.com to begin learning about basic programming. Grading is based on in class participation/staying on task, daily in class assignments, and unit projects.</p>
MS Drama	<p>Instructor: Calice Jennings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very little homework. Memorization will be required at times.

GENERAL TIPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. Check with your child to make sure they have their planner, bag, books, lunch, water, etc. before leaving the house (a checklist on the door can help!).
2. Remind your child about planned absence forms from the office to give to teachers ahead of time.
3. Encourage your child to be proactive in emailing a teacher for help/questions (For English, students can message Mrs. Madadi through Google Classroom).
4. Encourage your child to read a book (non-textbook) at home for a set amount of time each day/week/weekend.
5. Show your child how to access Renweb or check it regularly with them. This helps students stay on top of missing work or grades.
6. Check your child's planner regularly, especially to help them plan/study ahead for quizzes, tests and projects.