Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! This year promises to be filled with exciting new learning opportunities and I look forward to getting off to a good start. I am a strong believer in home–school partnerships; therefore, I look forward to meeting you September 3rd for Back to School night at 6pm. Through partnership we can provide a great year for “our” middle school students.

Mr. Jimenez

7th Grade Language Arts

Materials Suggested

- Pencils and highlighter
- Pens (blue/black/red)
- Index cards (for vocabulary)
- Sharpener, stapler, small post-it notes, and an eraser
- Paper (college ruled) and a single subject spiral notebook
- Two single subject notebooks. One per semester.
- One manila file folder.
- Binder (can be combined with other classes, but separate subjects with dividers)

Grading Policy

- Benchmark (W/PT) 10%
- Benchmark (MC) 10%
- Classroom Assessments 20%
- Quizzes 10%
- Classwork 20%
- Homework 5%
- Collaboration/Communication 10%
- Interactive Notebook 15%

Grading Periods

- Progress Report 1 - September 18th
- Progress Report 2 - October 30th
- Progress Report 3 - December 18th
- Progress Report 4 - February 11th
- Progress Report 5 - March 24th
- Progress Report 6 - May 27th

Classwork/Homework

When homework is assigned it is due on the due date or lunch detention may be assigned. Occasionally, incomplete class work may be assigned as homework.

Makeup tests are given after school, before school, or during lunch by appointment.

It is your child’s responsibility to participate actively in class and with his/her assigned group in order to get a passing grade on “performance tasks”, otherwise your child may receive a lower grade for lack of project performance and completion.

Parents: please speak to the counselor and request a PAMS log-in to proctor your child’s classroom grade on a regular basis.

All work will be collected at the beginning of the period.
Consequences

1st offense – Warning and clarification of expectations.

2nd offense – Pulled from group to new seat, isolation.

3rd offense – Sent to another classroom, parent phone call and 50 word behavior essay.

4th offense – Classroom detention, parent phone call, and low level office referral.

5th offense – Office Referral and on campus detention for the period or the day depending on the severity of the situation.

These consequences are in accordance with Vista Verde Middle Schools Positive Behavioral Expectations for the 2015-16 school year.