



“Become the One You Dream You Can Be”

Rock Falls Middle School
7th Grade Team
2010-2011

Welcome to the 7th Grade!



Dear Parents: As your child begins the 7th grade, we look forward to an exciting school year at the Rock Falls Middle School. The 7th grade team of teachers will be working closely with each other to achieve academic and personal goals for their students. We are looking forward to having you and your child as a part of the 7th grade team for the 2010-2011 school year. Together we can make this a positive year for your child. We hope that you will feel free to give us your honest feedback and keep in touch with us throughout the year. We can be reached by calling **815-626-2626**.

Important Dates:

Registration:

Thursday, August 12th - 10:00-6:00

Friday, August 13th - 8:00-4:00.

Registration for ALL Dillon, Merrill and Middle School students will be held at the Rock Falls Middle School Cafeteria.

Open House: August 19, 2010

(Thursday) from 6:00-7:00 for all 6-8th grades. **SEE YOU THERE!**

First Day of School: August 23rd
(Monday, 1/2 day) from, 8:05-11:25

August 24th (Tuesday) is the first full day. Our starting time on regular school days is 8:05 with dismissal bell ringing at 2:45.

PE Uniforms:

PE uniforms can be purchased at:

Custom Monogramming

511 1st Ave. Unit A

Rock Falls, IL

Shirts are \$6.50 and shorts are \$11.30 + tax.

Homework: Students can expect homework to be given daily. A student will be penalized for late work. If a student is chronic with late work, he or she shall be required to stay after school. Teachers will attempt to coordinate assignments so as not to overload students on any one given night.

Reward Activities: Several times during the year, special events are planned for the 7th grade students. The student's number of detentions, his or her academic performance, as well as behavior, may affect participation in these activities, as well as the school dances. Students will be notified of expectations prior to each event.

Detentions: If your child gets a detention, he or she will serve it the following day. The student may serve it the same day if is OK with the teacher. All detentions are 45 minutes. The students will do a writing activity during the detention. **If there is a conflict, please send a note or call the school.** If the student skips a detention, he or she will be given an “In School Detention” as well as serving the detention that was skipped. Seventh grade students serve detentions Monday through Thursday, or at the teacher's discretion.



Classroom Expectations: The teachers have established the following list of expected behaviors to ensure all students with the best possible learning environment.

- Be in the classroom before the bell rings.
- Bring all materials necessary for the class.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Follow directions.
- Respect the rights of others.
- No chewing gum or candy in the classrooms or hallways.

Consequences:

- Students must use a punch from their punch card for being tardy to class. IF all the punches are used, or they don't have the punch card with them, they must serve a 45-minute detention.
- Students will be given a verbal warning for inappropriate behavior. IF the behavior continues, then a 45-minute detention will be given. If the behavior is severe or continues, it will be up to the teacher what he or she plans to do. Choices might be parent contact, a 45 minute detention, or an in school or out of school suspension.
- Students will be given an automatic 45-minute detention for gum or candy.
- Students will be given a 45-minute detention after each 3rd late assignment per class.





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Punch Card Policy:

Students receive a punch card at the beginning of each quarter. The punch card has 10 punches, which the students can use when tardy to class (except 1st hour), for restroom use, and locker use. The students must have the punch card with them. Once the punch card is used up, the students will receive a 45-minute detention for violating these rules. We urge the students to use the punches wisely and not waste them. Teachers will use discretion for restroom use. Students will not be penalized with a detention as long as they have not abused the policy.

Assignment Books:

Students will be required to keep an assignment book that will be checked by the teachers daily. Your child will be having regular assignments to be completed at home. It will help us if you can provide a place to do this work and make sure your child has completed the assignment. **The cost of the assignment book is \$7.00 and is due at registration.**

Homework, Assignments and Grading Procedures:

Our team of teachers will make every effort to coordinate tests and homework assignments so there is a balance, rather than having several tests on the same day. Late work due to absences will be given an extension, which will be the length of the absence. Each classroom teacher will explain the test retake policy to the students. The 7th grade students will be given grades based upon the following grading scale:

A+	99%-100%	C+	78%-79%
A	92%-98%	C	72%-77%
A-	90%-91%	C-	70%-71%
B+	88%-89%	D+	68%-69%
B	82%-87%	D	62%-67%
B-	80%-81%	D-	60%-61%
		F	59% and below

We have many goals that we will be aiming to accomplish this school year with your child. We are hoping you, the parents, will volunteer a hand in making the goals easier to reach whenever help is needed. This, of course, will only benefit your child’s learning in the long run. Please feel free to contact any of the team members if you have any questions or concerns at 1-815-626-2626.

“WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER”

Sincerely:

The 7th Grade Teaching Team
Dawn Arickx: Team leader and
Math

Dennis Buccola: Special Education
Jill Stewart: Language Arts
Josh Temple: Social Studies
Eric Thomas: Science