

Hello Families:

9/5/07

Welcome back!! We are very excited to be starting this new year with your children. Hopefully your summer has been a relaxing and enjoyable one.

At present we have four groups of students:

8:30 - 9:45 first/second grade

9:55 - 11:10 third/fourth grade

11:10 - 12:07 Middle School

As you may have noticed our middle school time schedule has changed slightly this year. Due to overall middle school scheduling we have arranged our middle school direct service differently to accommodate both the general schedule and the different learning needs of our older students. Their English class will be fifty minutes, which is the duration of time that their classmates are in their English class. In addition to their English class, students in both sixth and seventh grades will be assisted with organizational skills such as, how to use a planner, help with organizing notebooks, organization with math assignments, study skills, assistance with writing tasks and long range writing projects. At present, the focus is on beginning and refresher organizational skills.

The other change to our middle school groups is that the students will now be earning A through F grades on their report cards for their HLC English class. They will be graded on completion of homework, class participation and assignments that are given based on their individual learning styles. Our goal is to give them every opportunity to earn as many points as they can so their experience in the HLC is a positive one which consistently increases their self-esteem.

Our first/second, third/fourth groups are continuing with the same time schedule that we had last year. We will be talking to you about curriculum specifics for all groups on Back to School Night.

The first/second grade homework will be given out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, third/fourth and both middle school groups will be having homework Monday through Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

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*Upcoming dates: Wednesday September 12 6PM "Back to School Night"
Tuesday October 16 7PM "HLC Parent Night"

