**5th/6th Grade Academic Seminar**

2019-2020

**General Information:**

Time: 2:15 – 3:05

Teacher: Mrs. Brown

Required Texts: The Middle School Student’s Guide to Ruling the World! Handouts, and Reading Book.

**Course Description:** 5th/6th grade academic seminar will focus on student organization skills, along with reading and/or math skill building. Students will be expected to follow the classroom rules and participate in all classroom activities. This is NOT a study hall class where students work on homework or a read a book of their choosing. However, students can be given homework completion time and test study time at teacher’s discretion.

**Goals:** Academic skills like reading and math skills are extremely important to the success of any child’s future. The goal of this class is to help build academic skills to build confidence and increase school performance. Another goal of the class is to help students become proficient with their organization skills. Teaching good work habits, time management, and organization skills is one of the best things you can do to assure students’ success in junior high school and beyond. These essential skills can boost achievement across all areas of the curriculum, and build good academic behaviors.

**Methods of Instruction:** This class will be taught using classroom lectures, question/answer discussions, cooperative learning activities, and utilizing technology for classroom slides, short videos, and/or podcast lessons.

**Method of Evaluation:**

Total points possible each day = **20 points.** Break down of the points are as follows:

1. Having planner and showing documentation of daily homework assignments and upcoming tests = **5 points (based on scoring rubric)**.

2. Following classroom rules and full classroom participation = **15 points**. Most lessons/activities will be completed during class time. The Daily grade will be worth **75% of the weekly grade**.

3. Lessons collected for a grade will be worth **25% of the weekly grade.** For example, tests, quizzes, vocabulary packets, projects, etc.

**Daily Requirements:**

**Each day a student comes to class, he/she will need to bring the following items:**

* Planner, homework assignments, a book to read, notebook(s), supplies, and student ipad.

**Student Absence and Make Up Work**: Late work will only be accepted for excused absences.  Students are responsible for asking for work they missed during absences.  In order to receive credit, you must hand in your work within 2 days of your absence.  If the assignment has not been made up at that time, then you will receive a zero for that lesson.

**Classroom Rules**

1. Follow directions quickly
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak
3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat
4. Make smart choices
5. Make your dear teacher happy

Students will be given a “Scoreboard” for each week. They will be responsible for documenting on their scoreboard the points they earn daily for following classroom rules. Disruptive behavior by a student will be dealt with on an individual basis.