

We are looking forward to an exciting year! Our seventh grade curriculum covers a host of interesting and challenging topics in life science, early American history, reading, writing, and mathematics. Students may look forward to fun activities like dissecting a frog, having dinner with a dead president, hearing the stories of World War II heroes, or trying to figure out the solution to "The Great Locker Problem." The 7 Black team also enjoys field trips, team fun days and other activities.

In order to provide the best possible experience for every student on the team, we have put some policies in place which support the Keith Valley mission and disciplinary policies. For a complete list of the disciplinary policies please see the link to the Keith Valley webpage available on our team webpage.

#### **General Classroom Policies**

- We are here to learn. No one will be allowed to disrupt the learning process of anyone else.
- Everyone will be treated with respect; putdowns and hurtful comments/actions will not be tolerated.
- We expect a high standard of academic performance where each student achieves to his/her potential.

#### **Preparation**

Students should come on time to class with their appropriate class text, binder, school agenda book, pencils, and erasers. Students arriving late or unprepared should expect to receive consequences including lunch or after school detentions.

#### **Homework**

Homework will be assigned in classes to assist with practice, review, extension of a topic covered in class, or preparation for new content. Homework may vary from teacher to teacher. Our school policy states that homework shall not exceed 10% of a student's grade.

#### **Absences**

All work must be made up after an absence. On the day that students return to school, they need to see each of their teachers during homeroom. They will be given the make-up assignments and due dates for completion. Students who do not make an attempt to see teachers immediately after an absence will forfeit the opportunity to earn credit for missed assignments. The team will work with students who are overwhelmed by large amounts of make-up work after an extended absence.

#### **PACE Period**

We will have a PACE period two to three days a week, where students can seek help, engage in make-up work, or to occasionally work with partners to finish an ongoing project. This is however a learning period, so students should come prepared to work or read. It is not recommended that this time be used to begin homework. Homework should still be completed at home, but PACE may be a goodtime to clarify any difficulties students may have with homework the previous night.

**Grading:** Please consult individual teacher websites and handouts for specific grading information.

**Communication**

Parents-- Please contact us with any problems or concerns. The most efficient way to reach us is through the email addresses above. Phone calls are automatically routed to our voicemail during the teaching day.

Students—Do not wait until you are falling behind! A little frustration can aid the learning process. However, if you really don't understand something- tell us right away before you get too frustrated to move forward. We can always find time to work out a problem.

We are looking forward to a terrific year in seventh grade!

**Please complete and sign the attached page and return to your homeroom teacher by Friday**

**Thank you,**

We have read and discussed the policies for the 7 Black Team.

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Student name (printed)

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*Student signature*

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Parent name (printed)

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*Parent signature*

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*Date*

Best way to reach you:

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_