

LAMUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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It is my sincere goal for every student to enjoy school and do his/her best in class. If at anytime you have questions regarding an assignment, please do not hesitate to contact me!

If a student is absent, a labeled absent folder is located in the classroom. It is the student's responsibility to get their make-up work ,complete it and turn it in.

Class assignments and homework can be found daily @ <http://www.painesville-township.k12.oh.us/VernonMonica.aspx>

Go to the on-line classroom for class news, assignments and helpful links and downloads.

Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are back to school already? I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. This marks my 12th year at LaMuth & 18th year teaching. I am so excited to welcome you and your child to 6th grade Language Arts! Middle school presents a lot changes for both students and parents.....especially being 1-to-1 with Chromebooks. Please be sure to read the information in this newsletter. It is filled with useful information that will be discussed in class the first week of school. Also, visit my teacher page on the district website for resources you need to know about our classroom as well as your child's Google classroom page which will be set up by the end of the first week of school.

I look forward to meeting each of your over the next few weeks of school and getting to know your children! If at any point you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Monica Vernon



“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good

CLASSROOM MATERIALS

- ◆ 1 .5 or 2 inch red binder for language arts (hardbound with pockets)
- ◆ five dividers for the binder
- ◆ Post it notes
- ◆ 3 subject notebook
- ◆ 1 composition notebook(any color or design)
- ◆ 5 different colored highlighters
- ◆ Head phones
- ◆ Black felt tip pens, pencils

Not required but a inexpensive pencil pouch from the dollar store to hold ELA supplies.

Please **DO NOT** bring with you to class:

- cell phones

-backpacks

Some classes have up to 32 students in class, back packs take up to much space. Cells phones are great but not during class. They ring, buzz and cause major disruptions! Keep them in your lockers, turned off or on silent !

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING THIS YEAR?

In 6th Grade ELA, we focus class instruction on the Reading/Writing Workshop model. After a few weeks of establishing class expectations and a work environment, students will continue to use the Daily 5 routine from 5th grade daily to complete reading and/or writing work.

In middle school, we use Daily 3: Read to Self, Work on Writing and Word Work. Our Workshop lessons and work will be used during the Daily 3 class time. **ALL** students will be expected to have an independent reading book daily in class if students do not have a book, they have nothing to read which creates an unproductive class period. Books can be found at the LaMuth library, our classroom library or on your own. They will be responsible for reading a minimum of 20 minutes, 3 times per week at home. Our Word Work component will mini lesson and practice exercises to review parts of speech and grammar skills. Each unit will span two weeks with a quiz at the end of each unit. Students will begin this after the first full week of school.

Reading and Writing Workshop units will span a 5-6 week time per unit period. However, even though we are in a reading unit, students will still be reading and vice versa during writing units. Reading and Writing Workshop allows the classroom teacher to provide whole/small group as well as individualized instruction by differentiating and gearing instruction upon the students' needs. In reading, students will focus on both fiction and non-fiction reading selections, articles, short-stories and novels. Our reading units will transition into more complex reading sections which focus on story elements, analyzing themes, focus on how to read non-fiction in order to make valid arguments. While in writing students will create writing pieces in several genres: narrative, argument and informational writing. Small graded check points will be throughout each unit after large/small group instruction and guided practice. At the end of each unit, students complete a graded reading/writing assignment.

Referring to your child's binder or 3 subject notebook throughout the year will help you see the hard work they complete in class. Students can also share work sample at conference time as well. I realize the beginning of the year brings many changes, especially in a new school but please contact me via email at any time if you have questions.



“Don't put off tomorrow, what can be done today.”

LAMUTH ' S 5 P ' S F O R P O S I T I V E

Students are expected to be prepared, prompt, polite, productive and proud daily. These expectations not only ensure a safe, productive classroom but also allow students to learn to their highest potential.

Prompt: Be in your seat when the bell rings, have work completed on time.

Prepared: Bring all ELA materials to class each day,.

Polite: Be respectful to fellow peers and adults,.

Productive: Use class time wisely.

Proud: Be proud of yourself, classmates, and school. We work hard in class and everyone should be proud of their accomplishments.

Demonstrate the six pillars of character- trustworthiness- respect- responsibility- fairness- caring- citizenship.



CALENDAR & CLASSROOM

At the beginning of the school year, each class period will join their class period Google Classroom page. It is used for various reasons that include video links that reference class videos, notes, worksheets, practice links and sometimes locations to turn in work electronically.

Please note that the most recent post on classroom is displayed at the top. Therefore, if your child is looking for a post from previous weeks, you will need to scroll down to locate it.

Google calendar is where you can reference homework or classroom reminders. We will add calendar to automatically be synced with each students' Chromebook calendar the first week of school.

