



TAMPA PREP

Middle School Coffee and Conversation

Academic Support Counselors

Sarah Johnson 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th

Jennifer Greseth 6th, 8th, 9th, 12th



- Offices in the Library (3rd Floor)
- We meet with students, families, teachers by appointment...
- **Office Hours for Middle School Students --**
Any day after school by appointment!

7th Graders

Physically:

Very energetic, need lots of sleep, exercise, and food

Enjoy PE and sports - and the arts!

Boys and girls both growth spurts and signs of puberty

Social/Emotionally:

Adult personality begins to emerge

Capable of self-awareness, insight and empathy

Care more about peer opinions than those of teachers and parents

Will initiate their own activities without adult prompting

Language Development:

Understand and enjoy sarcasm, double meanings and sophisticated jokes

Enjoy conversation with both adults and peers

Value peer vocabulary (slang)

Cognitive Development:

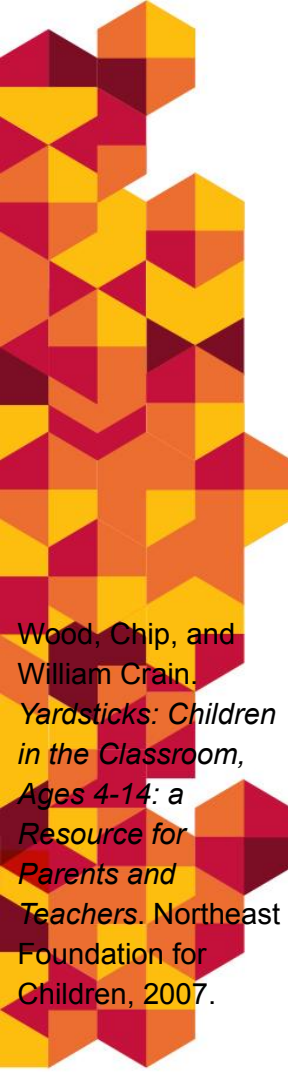
More able to think abstractly

May begin to excel at a subject or skill

Can and will see both sides of an argument

Very interested in civics, current events, social justice, environmental issues, pop culture, the latest cool __

Increasingly able to organize their thoughts and their work



Wood, Chip, and William Crain.
Yardsticks: Children in the Classroom, Ages 4-14: a Resource for Parents and Teachers. Northeast Foundation for Children, 2007.

Why it's so hard for them to “study”...

Task initiation

Goal Directed Persistence

Time Management

Planning and Prioritization

Organization

Working Memory and skills to
organize information

Metacognition



WHERE TO FIND HOMEWORK =

POWERSCHOOL LEARNING (PSL) (Formerly, Haiku)

Welcome, Sarah Riggs Johnson

My Portal My Classes My ePortfolio

Classes Extras

My Classes
Show: All | T | S

- 19-20 8th Grade Sci...
- 6th Grade Math 201...
- 6th Grade Robotics
- Algebra 2
- Algebra 3 with Finan...
- Algebra Concepts

Calendar

Sep 2019

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Thu, Sep 12

- AP Cal AB: Quiz 18-19 due at 9:50am
- BC-15
- AP Cal BC: Quiz 18 due at 8:50am
- Alg2(7)-14
- Alg 2: Quiz 12 due at 2:35pm
- Duolingo Complete minimum of

Announcements

- Mrs. Sanford's Homework Page ...
Sep 09, 09:15 am (2 days ago)
- School Supply Drive for Graham Elementary continues through Friday, 9/13! If you bring a donation to the box in my classroom, I will give you CANDY! If we have a high participation rate from all of my classes, I will consider BONUS POINTS towards your final average! Let's help a wonderful school just a few minutes away from Prep. Check out the Grah ...
Sep 06, 09:41 am (5 days ago)
- Cook Geography Homework Page ...
Nov 28, 2018, 01:33 pm (9 months ago)
- Sanford Geography Homework Page ...
Oct 01, 2018, 01:58 pm (11 months ago)

EACH TEACHER HAS A PAGE...

Civics 2019-2020

Pages **Calendar** Messages ▾ Activities ▾ Grades

🔍 Focus What's New? ⚙️ Manage Class

+ Add Page

- Welcome
- Bellwork
- Ch 1
- Ch 2
- Ch 3
- Ch 4
- Ch 6
- Ch 5
- EPCOT
- Europe
- Southwest and Central Asia

Welcome

Show: All Sections ▾

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📄 Unpublish ⚙️ Manage Page

Student Assignments

Please read for important information regarding this class.

- 1. Syllabus.pdf
- 2. Bellwork Outline .pdf
- 3. Alphaboxing .pdf

Textbook App and Code!

- 1. Download the app below (HMH eTextbook).
- 2. Click "Get Books".
- 3. Enter Bundle Code: PA36X4
- 4. Download Unit 1 ONLY!

Homework Page

- Mrs Sanford's Home...
- A Google A Day Extra...

Username and Password

To access library resources from home, it will ask you for a username and password.

Both are: terrapins2014



Calendar Messages ▾ Activities ▾ Grades What's New? ⚙ Manage Class

My Calendar

September 2019 Calendar URL

ics 2019-2020 ▾

Add Activity ▾ Add Event Show: Section 3 ▾ Print Jump to Today < >

Quick Add

Sun Sep 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
	● Finish Passport	● Rd/Tk Notes on 1.2				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				● Study for quiz on ● Finish all work not	● Finish all work not ● Study for quiz on	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
● Study for quiz	● Quiz					



MRS. SANFORD'S HOMEWORK PAGE

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Current Week

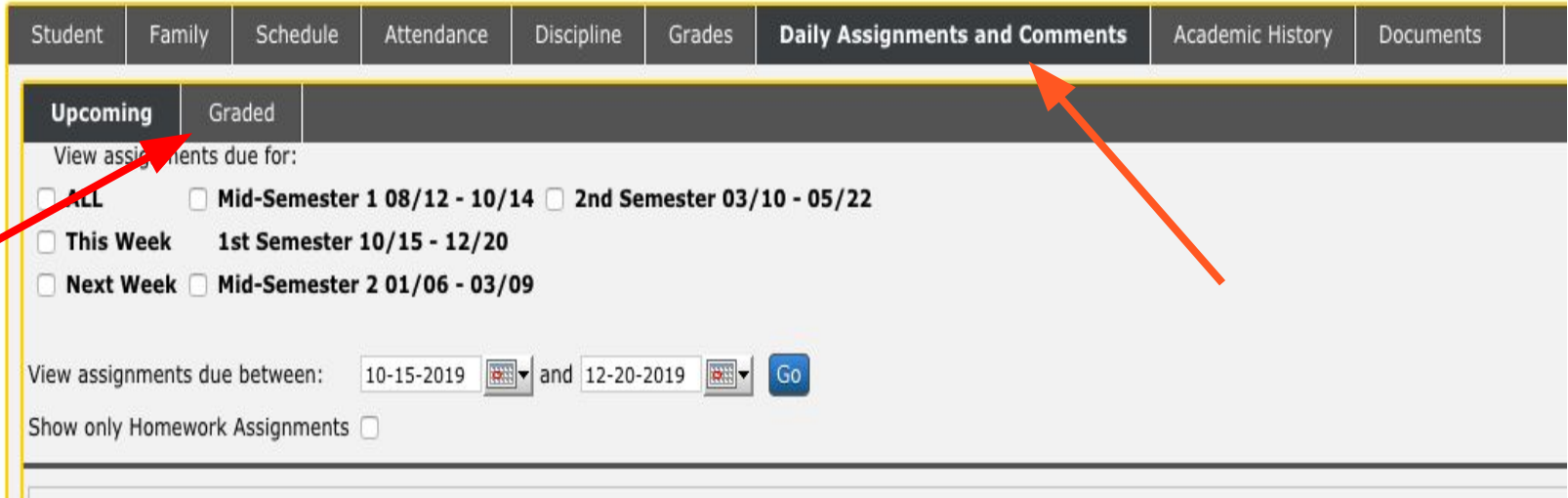
All homework posted is due the next class meeting unless otherwise specified.

Week of : September 9 to September 13th

	Monday	Tuesday:	Wednesday	Thursday:	Friday:
2nd	Current Event #1 due tomorrow!	Pack for trip	6th grade trip	No Class	6th grade trip
3rd	No Homework	No Homework	No Homework: Quiz next Tuesday!	Complete any classwork not finished in class. Quiz next Tuesday!	No Class
4th	Current Event #1 due tomorrow!	Pack for trip	No Class	6th grade trip	6th grade trip

WHERE TO FIND GRADES =

MY BACKPACK



The screenshot shows a navigation menu with the following items: Student, Family, Schedule, Attendance, Discipline, Grades, **Daily Assignments and Comments**, Academic History, and Documents. Below this menu is a sub-menu with 'Upcoming' and 'Graded' tabs. The 'Upcoming' tab is selected, showing options to view assignments due for: ALL, Mid-Semester 1 (08/12 - 10/14), 2nd Semester (03/10 - 05/22), This Week (1st Semester 10/15 - 12/20), and Next Week (Mid-Semester 2 01/06 - 03/09). At the bottom, there is a date range filter set to 10-15-2019 and 12-20-2019, and a 'Go' button. A checkbox for 'Show only Homework Assignments' is also present.

Student	Family	Schedule	Attendance	Discipline	Grades	Daily Assignments and Comments	Academic History	Documents
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Upcoming | Graded

View assignments due for:

ALL Mid-Semester 1 08/12 - 10/14 2nd Semester 03/10 - 05/22

This Week 1st Semester 10/15 - 12/20

Next Week Mid-Semester 2 01/06 - 03/09

View assignments due between: 10-15-2019 and 12-20-2019

Show only Homework Assignments

**Pre-Algebra 7 (T1,T2)****Grade to Date:** A+
98.00%**Teacher:** Mr. A J Hendrix

Assignment ↕	Group ↕	Score ↕	Possible ↕	% Score ↕	Assigned ↕	Due Date ▼	Comment
2.2 Pages 58-59 #10-38 evens & 50-70 evens	Homework	100.00	100.00	100.00%	9/9/2019	9/10/2019	
2.1 Pages 49-50 #16-60 evens & Page 51 #79-91 odds	Homework	100.00	100.00	100.00%	9/5/2019	9/9/2019	
Chapter 1 Test	Tests	98.00	100.00	98.00%	9/4/2019	9/4/2019	
Chapter 1 ALEKS	ALEKS	100.00	100.00	100.00%	8/21/2019	9/4/2019	
1.6 Worksheets	Homework	100.00	100.00	100.00%	8/29/2019	9/3/2019	
1.7 Worksheet	Homework	100.00	100.00	100.00%	8/29/2019	9/3/2019	
1.4 Pages 22-24 #14-48 evens & 60-80 evens	Homework	100.00	100.00	100.00%	8/26/2019	8/27/2019	
1.2-1.4 Quiz	Quizzes	96.00	100.00	96.00%	8/27/2019	8/27/2019	
1.3 Pages 16-18 #12-40 evens & 50-70 evens	Homework	100.00	100.00	100.00%	8/22/2019	8/26/2019	
1.2 Pgs. 9-11 #12-34 evens & 42-50 evens	Homework	100.00	100.00	100.00%	8/21/2019	8/22/2019	



“LAND THE HELICOPTER AND GIVE US THE KEYS”
WARNING:

There are disadvantages to the modern system of “live” grades.

1. They are not accurate
2. They alter a students understanding of learning
3. ANXIETY ...



INSTEAD OF CHECKING YOUR STUDENT'S
GRADES...

ASK YOUR STUDENT IF THEY'VE CHECKED
THEIR GRADES.

“WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?”
“COOL, WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?”

THEY SHOULD BE EMAILING THEIR TEACHERS.



5 TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. Calendarize! “Make time visible” with your student. Set “Reminders” with them.
2. Help them designate the daily “time chunks” they are going to spend studying



5 TIPS FOR PARENTS

3. Help them get organized... “Sacred Study Space”

4. Talk about what they are “doing” when they are “studying” by using other verbs.

- Class Syllabus
- Old Tests
- Old Quizzes
- Old Study Packets or Important Notes
- Quizlet Sets and Lists of Key Terms
- And of course, the Review Packets they will get the week before exams...

*WRITE, Rehearse,
Practice, Create, Make,
Draw, ReWrite, Explain,
Sketch, Recite,
Paraphrase, Outline,
Summarize, Teach...*



5 TIPS FOR PARENTS

**5. Help them
find healthy
balance... and
manage digital
distractions.**

*This means
different things
for different
kids...*

Reframe how you see your middle school student...

Instead of:

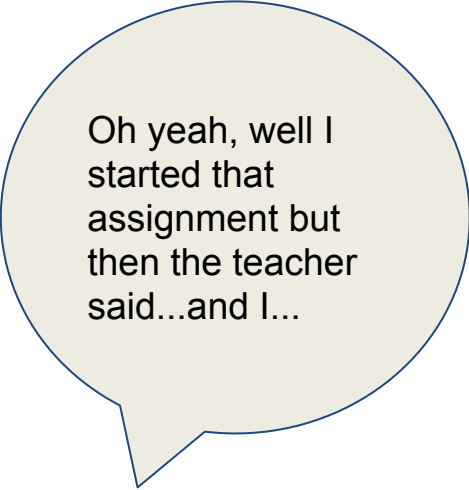
Lying / Dishonest

Delusional

Lazy / Apathetic

Manipulative

Disappointing



Oh yeah, well I started that assignment but then the teacher said...and I...

Think:

Unrealistic

Does not self-monitor well

Struggles to estimate time

Not great at “future thinking”

Struggles to inhibit distraction/ prioritize



Reframe how you see your middle school student...

1. Discuss the future together positively. Discuss the real meaning of education.
2. Be honest and empathize
3. Listen and Hold Space
4. Reward them with **authentic** recognition/make them feel good for hard work that led to successes.
5. Reduce overwhelm with better systems, schedules, routines, limiting distractions, etc.

By Seth Perler: <https://sethperler.com/ask-child-sunday/>