**7th Grade − THE LEARNING ZONE – A Community of Learners AUGUST 2023 Newsletter**

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**Welcome to THE LEARNING ZONE – 7th Grade team at Gateway Middle School! Our learning community is comprised of students, teachers, and stakeholders, which includes our parents. Our teachers are:**

**ELA: Mr. Bowen and Ms. Moore**

**SPED: Ms. Greer, Mr. Poe and Mr. Walker**

**Math: Ms. Neal and Ms. Sharp**

**Science: Mrs. Jarvis**

**Social Studies: Dr. Rall and Mr. Smith**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Our goal is at least 90% for each student.**

**Cell Phone Policy**

**WE follow the POLICY of SLPS regarding all technology and devices. Cell Phones are not to be used during instructional time.**

**Calendar of Events**

**7th Grade ELA** is reviewing classroom Expectations and Procedures with Culture and Team-Building Games and activities, Role-Play, Reading Scenarios, and Class Discussions.

  We are also learning **The 7 Habits for Successful Teens** which promotes developing positive habits for learning and social areas.

***Habit One: Be Proactive.***

***Habit Two: Begin with the End in Mind.***

***Habit Three: Put First Things First.***

***Habit Four: Think Win - Win.***

***Habit Five: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood.***

***Habit Six: Synergize.***

***Habit Seven: Sharpen the Saw.***

SPED & RESOURCE TEACHERS are assisting the core teachers with curriculum. Academic and social skills are included in their daily learning environment.



Dr. Rall and Mr. Smith are readying our “gifted and talented ones” for World Cultures & Geography by providing them with opportunities to learn how to become better students:

* Effective Listening
* Following Directions
* Cornell Notetaking



**MATH & SCIENCE classes are reviewing expectations and getting students ready for the curriculum by reviewing skills and concepts.**

**Specific activities and events are shown on our school’s website (7th Gr.)**

***EXPECTATIONS:***

**All 7th Grade Rules are in addition to the SLPS Student Code of Conduct Handbook and the Gateway Middle School Student and Parent Handbook.**

**1. Follow directions the first time they are given.**

**2. Keep all personal items in your locker, including book bags, snacks and drinks, etc.**

**3. Adhere to the expectations, procedures, routines and practices of 7th Grade**

**4. Bring all materials to class.**

**5. Personal grooming done before class time.**

**Upcoming Events and Activities**



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1. **OPEN HOUSE – Thursday, August 31st at 4:00 p.m.**
2. **Award Recognition —Each Quarter: Attendance, Academics, Citizenship and Most Improved in STAR Reading and Math 2.“Fun Friday” Each second and fourth Friday of the month 9/1, 9/15; 10/6, 10/20; 11/3, 11/17; 12/1, 12/15; 1/5, 1/19; 2/2, 2/16; 3/1, 3/15; 4/5, 4/19; 5/3, 5/17 EXCEPT where noted 3; (\*) Denotes fluidity due to transportation and schoolwide calendar**
3. **PROGRESS REPORTS will be generated and sent home in the next few weeks**
4. **Introduction of Clubs, Tutoring, Sports and other Enrichment activities is forthcoming.**
5. **Syllabus will be provided next week for students and their parent/guardians.**