



MISS MOLDENHAUER'S 5-6TH GRADE CLASS

Academics and Extracurriculars

In the middle grade's classroom, students take greater ownership of their education. Technology is integrated regularly into nearly all subject areas. Students utilize their own Microsoft Office 365 account, Gmail, and other online resources. Now that they are in 5-6th grade, they choose between Junior Choir and Music Theory to have with a different teacher twice a week. They also have more opportunity to participate on the Falcon Sports teams. With this comes more responsibility to manage school work and extracurriculars. Students are encouraged to put school first



before other activities. In my classroom, we recognize that all of our gifts and abilities come from God, and we want to do our best to honor Him in all we do to serve Him, our teachers, and classmates.

CLASSROOM FEATURES

1:1 Chromebooks

Accelerated Reader

Corrections/Retakes
– mistakes are an opportunity for academic growth

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Classroom Talking Points

Assignment Journal – At the end of each day your child should check to make sure all assignments are written down in their assignment journal and highlight any unfinished work to go home. Please talk with your child about school each night so that you are aware of the material we are covering in school and to check for completion. Your involvement positively impacts their achievement.

School Supplies – Please purchase **only** the supplies on the list. Please do not allow your child to bring any unnecessary materials. (i.e. pencil grips, toys, electronics, etc.) If they are found they will be confiscated and returned to the parent.

Take-Home Folder – In this folder, students put in things they need to do on the “DO” side, and things they have finished and need to return to school on the “DONE” side. Every Tuesday your child will bring home their “Pony Express” in their Take-Home folder as well. **Please remove the graded work and announcements each Tuesday night.**

Chromebooks – Science, Social Studies, Music techbooks will be online this year. Office 365, Gmail, and other online supplements and practice will also be used. Resources that we access only need an internet browser, so even if you did not purchase a Chromebook for your child to take home, they can still get to everything they need with any computer.

Corrections/Retakes – If your child receives a D or F on a regular daily assignment, they will be given the opportunity to ask for help and fix their mistakes the next school day. Once completed, I will recorrect the assignment and average the first and second grades to get the final grade which gets recorded. For longer term assignments and for tests, the students can request a retake. Retakes will cover the same content, but be in a different format so that students are not just memorizing answers.

Lunches/Snacks – No candy or soda pop, please. NO PEANUTS! If you would like your child to use the microwave at lunch, it should be something that can be warmed up in less than 2 minutes (e.g. leftovers) rather than something that should be cooked for a long time (e.g. frozen dinners or easy mac). This will ensure that all students to have time to warm up food and eat before recess. **Please provide any plates, silverware, etc. that your child will need.**

Routines/Rules/Discipline – Students will be taught expectations and routines in the first weeks. Charts are posted around the room. In our classroom, we use a Card System. Each student has four cards on their desk. If they are not following expectations, they will be asked to put a card on the magnetic white board. After two cards, the student will take 5 minutes off of recess. After three cards, they take half of a recess, and after four cards, they take a full recess, fill out an Action Plan, and the parents are called. I make sure to talk with the child individually about their actions using Law and Gospel to help them make better choices that are God pleasing.

Communication - If you have concerns about your child’s education, please come and speak with me. I am also available by email heidim@faithtacoma.com or on my cell (920)-973-7295. Please read our weekly class news that will be emailed out and our whole-school *Falcon Flash*. Please also utilize our online gradebook **TADS Educate**. One portal will lead you to all things school now. Instructions to access the parent portal will come in the first week. Thank you!