

Keys to Success at Medea Creek Middle School

Student Responsibilities:

- **Write homework assignments** in the assignment book before the end of each class.
- **Ask teachers to initial the assignment book** to verify accuracy and completeness.
- **Do homework** the day it is assigned.
- **Put the completed homework in the notebook and turn it in the following day.**
- **See Math and Science teachers**, for extra help, on the days **they do not have that subject.** (Grade 7 & 8)
- **Get help from teachers** on a regular basis. Developing relationships with teachers helps students be more engaged in the classroom with the teacher and the lessons.
- **Ask questions** in class. Participate!
- **Check their teacher's website** for a list of class assignments and resources.
- **Preview material** before the teacher introduces it. For example, after a test, read the next chapter and look at the headings, captions, pictures and diagrams. **Parents** can share what they know about the subject. This **priming** helps a student be actively involved in his/her learning.
- **Do test corrections** if they are offered.
- **Pick a "Study Buddy"** to call for information or to pick up papers in the event s/he is absent from school.
- **Have a quiet place** to do homework, away from distractions, with all school supplies available.
- **Clean out backpack daily.**
- **Clean out and organize notebook daily.**

Parent Responsibilities:

- **Check the assignment book daily** and make sure homework is complete and the student places it into the correct section of the notebook.
- **Check Q - Parent Connect** for an update on grades and missing assignments.
- **Check the teacher's website** for information.
- **Do not ask**, "Do you have homework?" Your student has homework every single day. Instead, say, "**Let me see your assignment book.**"
- **Set up consequences** if the student does not write down the assignments in the assignment book or if the teacher's initials are missing. This will encourage accountability for your child.
- **Set up "Office Hours,"** a designated time to complete homework, at least one to two hours everyday.

REMEMBER:

- It's easier to "keep up" than to "catch up". **Do not get behind in your work.**
- "You miss school, you miss out." **Attend school regularly.**