



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

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Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement: We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating Saint Francis of Assisi as "instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.



From the desk of
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Middle School Expectations 2010-2011



Philosophy of Teaching:

Children are the world's future and children today learn in many different ways. Multiple Intelligences are one of the methods children use to learn. Teachers need to include projects that showcase a child's Multiple Intelligences. The uses of art, music, and physical abilities are some examples of skills that can be incorporated into a lesson will help to express a child's intelligence. The building of social skills is an area that teachers need to address and the use of group work allows the children to interact with their peers. Children see their teachers for set periods of time and teachers play an integral part in their students' lives. Teachers must strive to reach every child in their classroom. Teachers also need to make sure that each child succeeds to their fullest potential.

Grading Policy: The grading policy for the middle school is as follows:

Tests/Projects - 50%

Quizzes - 35%

Homework - 15%

Homework Grades:

2 pts- homework entirely completed and on time

1 pt - homework partially completed and on time

0 pts - homework not completed and not passed in the day it is due.

Homework Policy:

We believe that homework should be used as a tool for practicing what has been taught in the classroom that day. Children need to repeat what they learned to become one with the material that is new to them. Our homework policy is that homework is spot checked throughout the term. There will be homework every night M-Th in the following subjects, math, science, social studies, literature, and English, consisting of but not limited to; reviewing, studying, exercises, problems, essays, pre-reading, reading, and projects, sometimes, Fridays depending on assignment. Long term assignments passed in after assigned due date are subject to a grade of zero/ or a loss of 10 points per day depending on the assignment and circumstances.

Locker Visits:

Students who forget homework or supplies in their locker will have a two week grace period that began on the first day of school. During these two weeks and after students must always ask permission to go their locker. After the two week grace period permission will be granted at the discretion of the teacher within the classroom.

Testing Procedure:

All students are expected to be honest. Once the test/quiz has been passed out, all talking stops. Any student talking during a test/quiz will be considered cheating and will receive the consequences stated in the school handbook.

Parent Signature procedure:

All grades will be placed on teacher ease and signature papers will not be sent home for grades 69% or below.

Detention:

Detention will be held in increments of 15 minutes. The following procedure will be followed:

1st offense: warning from teacher

2nd offense: yellow slip

3rd offense: detention

Being unprepared for class is an example of a situation that warrants a detention in the middle school.

Extra Help:

As teachers, we know that there is not enough time in the day to help students with difficulties. That is why we offer extra help. After a child has completed all work in a given concept, if extra help is warranted, all that needs to be done is a letter from the student's parent stating that their child would like to stay after for extra help. Extra help will last between 30 - 45 minutes. Please send the note a couple of days before the day the student would like to stay. Students walking to library after extra help must have those plans stated in the letter. If there are any problems, the teacher will contact the parent and make alternative arrangements. Parents must provide transportation home.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit is given to the entire class when it is warranted. Extra credit will not be given to students who need to improve their grade before the end of the semester or because they have done poorly on a test.

