

Welcome to Grade 7/8 B. Hopefully the students have had an interesting view into the school year ahead, and are enjoying being in the senior end of the school. I would just like to take this opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to moulding young students into young leaders.

During the week, we work on our routines and structures of the daily lessons. As you may know, Hillside School has a main focus on literacy, and we have devoted a full 100 minute block to this cause. It is my intention to improve the literacy of the students in my room as much as the student is willing to allow. **I would like to ask that each student find time nightly to read for a significant period of time** (20 minutes to half an hour). I am also asking the parents to allow them this time, as it will help with their studies.

In addition to this, I am asking that you remind your child to remember the rules of the school, and to mindfully respect those rules. I have had a great amount of inappropriate language in the classroom, in addition to a great amount of hands on. There are consequences for negative actions, which at times can increase with severity if the behaviour is not corrected. **It is my goal for these students to be responsible for their actions, and to strive toward positive leadership.** With your help, we can make this transition.

As for homework, there will be many nights when the students will be working on an assignment. I will try to avoid homework on the weekends, with the exception of projects or research assignments. **It is the responsibility of the student to complete AND hand in their assignment to receive a grade for it.** If a student does not bring homework home, it is suggested that they read and work on some basic math skills such as multiplication and division. These are crucial elements needed daily in my classroom

I thank you for entrusting your child in my capabilities, and I hope I have your support for the year.

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