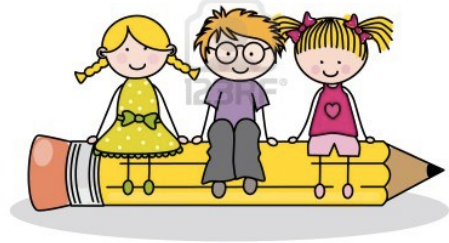


Welcome

TO MRS. BLACK'S CLASS



It is going to be a fun year of learning and friendships, and I can't wait to meet everyone on Tuesday, September 8th. Here is some helpful information for you to know about this class.

I believe that success comes from the teacher working in partnership with the parent and the student. Please call or email me when you have a question or a concern.



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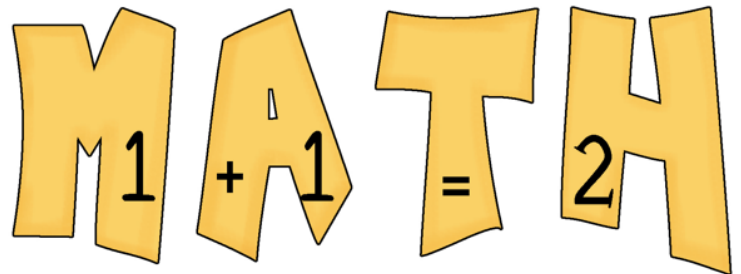
MRS. BLACK

I am a parent of five daughters who attend Pinckney schools. I have been teaching in Pinckney for 19 years. I love rustic camping, the beach, logic puzzles, magic, chinese food and watching the Big Bang Theory. My daughters participate in gymnastics, dance, soccer and Girl Scouts. My family and I are MSU fans.

Go Spartans!



Agendas are found by going to the "Pathfinder" home page and clicking on the parent tab. Under the parent tab it will have a link that reads, "Agendas" click on it and all the beautiful teacher pictures will show up. Click on my picture, and it will take you to my agenda.



Our New Math Program, "CMP"

This year our district has adopted a comprehensive mathematics program intended for U.S. students in grades 6-8. The curriculum design, text materials for students, and supporting resources for teachers were created and have been progressively refined by the Connected Mathematics Project (CMP) at Michigan State University with advice and contributions from many mathematics teachers, curriculum developers, mathematicians, and mathematics education researchers. CMP is a problem-centered curriculum promoting an inquiry-based teaching-learning classroom environment. Through this program students should be able to reason and communicate proficiently in mathematics.



HOMEWORK

Math

Students will be given math problems to practice independently. These problems will be assigned to be completed electronically or with paper and pencil from the student math workbook. Homework is not entered in MiStar as a grade. However it is very important to complete to improve understanding of new mathematical concepts and to help prepare students for upcoming assessments. Students will be asked to keep their math work in a binder to show their progress.

Science

Students will learn mainly through participation in labs and classroom discussions. So homework will rarely be assigned in science. Again homework assignments will not be recorded in MiStar for a grade. Students will be asked to keep their science work in a binder to show their progress.



SCIENCE

The science curriculum will follow the Next Generation Science Standards. The main units will be . . .

Inquiry Processes

Chemistry

Cells and Heredity

Waves and Energy

Weather and Climate.

PARENT NIGHT

I look forward to meeting with you on **Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m.** The office will be sending home more information about Parent Night soon.

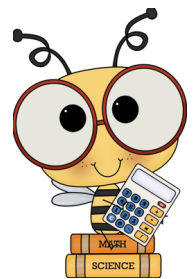
SCIENCE BOOK

There are only "classroom sets" of science books. These books never leave the classroom, but I will send home notes to help explain what we are doing in class, and these will be kept in the student's science binder with all of their graded work. There is an online science book that can be accessed from home. The link is . . .

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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS for Math and Science

Students will be informed of an upcoming assessment at least one week in advance. They will also be given a study guide to help review for the assessment. In the event that a student did not perform as well as s/he would have liked, a retake is offered. However, before the retake is given, the student must have completed all homework assignments for this unit and made the corrections on the first test. In addition, the student will meet with me to discuss what preparations were taken to ensure that s/he will perform better on the retake test. An assessment and the retake are never averaged. The student will earn the most recent grade.

MATH AND SCIENCE SUPPLY LIST

Students will not need these supplies until the start of the first FULL week of school on September 14th.

SUPPLIES

- 2 - inch binders
- 7 tabs/dividers
- 1 spiral notebook (70 pages or more)
- many pencils (No pens!)

OTHER SUPPLIES for home/locker

- markers
- colored pencils
- highlighter
- ruler
- scissors
- compass
- protractor
- glue sticks

CLASSROOM DONATIONS

- A box of tissue
- AAA batteries (need 4 per calculator)
- Snack size plastic bags
- Sandwich size plastic bags

You don't need a graphing calculator.



Please visit my webpage for more information

<http://blackmathandscience.weebly.com>

