

**Scrapbook Project:**

My classes will create an electronic scrapbook covering your child's seventh grade year. Please take pictures of your child's special events, athletics, performances, etc. throughout the school year and download all the pictures on one specific flash drive. Also include special memories such as a 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, baptism, special family gathering, a vacation, a wedding, new addition to the family, as well as anything else that is important or memorable to your child this year. We will complete the first half of the scrapbook when we return to school in January and complete the second half in May when we return from St. Louis. The scrapbook will count as a test grade in January and at the end of the year as well as becoming a treasure for you and your child.

**Homework:**

When homework is assigned your child is expected to do the work and be prepared to hand it in or discuss it the next day. If your child needs help at home, please guide them, help them, or answer questions, but refrain from doing the work for them. Homework is due the next day. If your child forgets or does not turn in homework I will allow him/her one day to turn it in as late work; however, the highest grade on late work is a 70. If the work is not turned in after allowing the extra day the grade becomes a 0. This policy is not meant to be harsh; it does teach responsibility, accountability, and organization, three characteristics essential for success in middle school, high school, college, and life. If your child needs to learn those lessons and make some low grades in the process, this is the year to do it. There is no college transcript at this point. Let them fail so they learn to succeed!

**Cell Phones/iMessaging**

Cell phones and iMessage are wonderful inventions; however at 7:45 the cell phone is to be silenced or turned off and placed in the backpack. Students caught using iMessage during the day will face consequences. Cell phones going off in class will accrue demerits. If a student needs to leave my room their cell phone left on my desk is their hallpass. If you need to send your child a text, by all means send it, just be aware that the text may not be seen before 3:00. If you need to send your child a message before 3:00 email one of the teachers or call/email Lisa Grissim in the office and we will be sure your child receives the message.

**Grading:**

Grades are updated weekly on Renweb for my class. Homework is 25% of the nine weeks grade, quizzes/projects are 25%, and tests are 50%. AR counts as a test grade and the written test over our novels is counted as two test grades.

Please see [lipscombademy.weebly.com](http://lipscombademy.weebly.com) for more information on seventh grade.