

Hillcrest Middle School

# THE CLASSROOM

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Welcome to another great year at  
Hillcrest Middle School

If you fail to plan,  
you plan to fail.

## THE CLASSROOM AS A COMMUNITY

### RESPECT YOURSELF

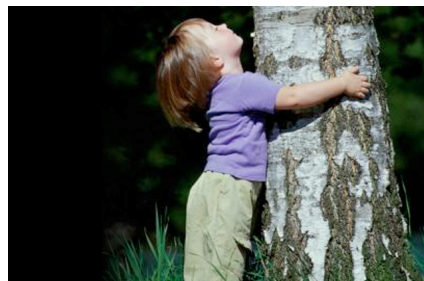
When we value ourselves and believe we can  
make this world a better place, we do.

### RESPECT OTHERS

When we treat others as we would want to be  
treated , we get along.

### RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

When we care about the space we occupy and  
apply the principles of sharing the air, being  
kind and treading lightly, we thrive.



*Trees provide the air we breathe.*



*We only have one earth.*

You can accomplish  
anything you put  
your mind to.

Dare to Dream

# Homework is training your brain

STUDENTS SHOULD REVIEW WHAT THEY'VE DONE IN SCHOOL EACH DAY

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Even if you think you have no homework, you have homework.

If you flex your muscles throughout the day, eventually you'll get big muscles. Think of your brain as your most impressive muscle and give it a workout each day.

Take ten minutes at home each day to review what you did at school. By doing this and using your planner to make notes of important due dates, you will significantly increase your ability to be successful on tests and in classroom discussions.

If you do have homework - make it easy on yourself! Find a homework buddy to work with. Remember the old saying - "Two heads are better than one." The benefits are great!

Check this out!

- proofreading someone else's work can help you see another perspective
- discussing the questions can help you find the answers faster
- testing each other can increase your ability to recall facts and concepts
- working with someone is fun and you might just make a new friend
- sharing knowledge promotes critical thinking and enables problem solving

# Organization is a key element of success!

USE YOUR PLANNER DAILY AND BE REWARDED WITH FREE TIME AND HIGHER GRADES!

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## Free Time?

YES!!! By simply applying the principles of organization to your daily routine you will have more free time and less hassles from your teachers. When you're organized life is generally easier.

## Higher Grades?

The benefit of an amazing education is by far the best reward. But let's be realistic. Kids just want to have fun when they learn!

When you follow a good system of organization, you will eventually see that you have more free time for the things that you enjoy. When you are happy, your brain releases powerful chemicals that enhance the neurological pathways responsible for retaining information and subsequently more meaningful learning takes place.

By writing down the daily homework and reviewing it briefly each day, you will start to see a gradual improvement in your assignment marks. Things to consider when creating your own system of organization to be successful at school:

Being on time

Having all supplies necessary for the class - pen, pencil, paper, gym strip, textbook....

Random acts of kindness

Keeping an organized notebook and completing homework with care