

I believe that it is best when you, your parents, and I are all working together for your success. An open-line of communication is therefore essential for all of us to have a positive relationship. In order to foster this relationship, I have provided the class website, my email address, and fax number. However, this line of communication must also run between you and your parents. I expect you to keep track of each of your grades and to inform your parents of your progress.

As middle school students, I also expect *you* to communicate with me about problems that you may be having in class. I invite you to come in for help anytime, but I want *you* to ask for help using your own initiative and not mine or your parents. If you are absent, you need to ask me for the assignments – not your parents. If you need help with a topic or have questions, you need to ask me the questions – not your parents. Obviously, if you have made such an effort, and after talking with me you still do not feel that your concerns have been resolved, then you request that your parent contact me; I will gladly discuss the situation with him or her.