



TCGIS
MS Curriculum Night
7th Grade

Frau Henry, 5-8 Art



Parents can support students outside of the classroom by encouraging *imagination*, **creativity** and problem solving.

In Art this year we will be focusing on two themes: **Identity** (S1) and **Place** (S2). Students will be working with a variety of art tools, including: fiber, printmaking, clay and more!

Students should always bring their Sketchbook and a pencil to class.



In class, students will have **sketchbook assignments & projects**. Projects will be graded using rubrics that address:

- Project Requirements
- Technical quality/Craftsmanship
- Creativity & Originality
- Artist statements

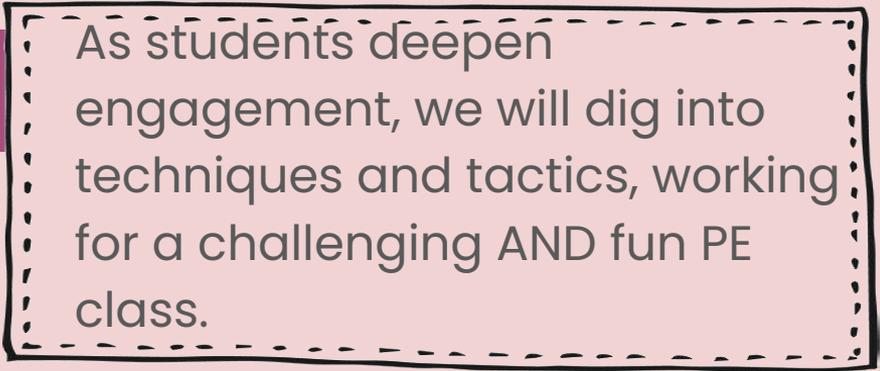
Frau Winter, 5-8 Sport



In Sport we started with small tag games, Merkbball and Dodgeball. We will continue with various team sports (soccer, volleyball, badminton...)

Students will need:

- Athletic shoes and clothing (every lesson)
 - Neighborhood permission slips (ASAP)
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As students deepen engagement, we will dig into techniques and tactics, working for a challenging AND fun PE class.



Students will be graded according to a combination of engagement, athletic performance, and growth-mindset. Teamwork and sportsmanship are also central to student success.

Frau Stillwell, 5/7 Science



Big Topics in 7th Grade Science:

1. Introduction to Life Science
2. Ecology – Interactions
3. Cells
4. Classic genetics and heredity
5. Atoms, molecules & chemical equations
6. Evolution
7. Ecology – Energy Flow
8. Human Body / Body Systems

Most assignments will be posted in Google Classroom. Students should always bring their Chromebook, Planner, and a pen/pencil to class.

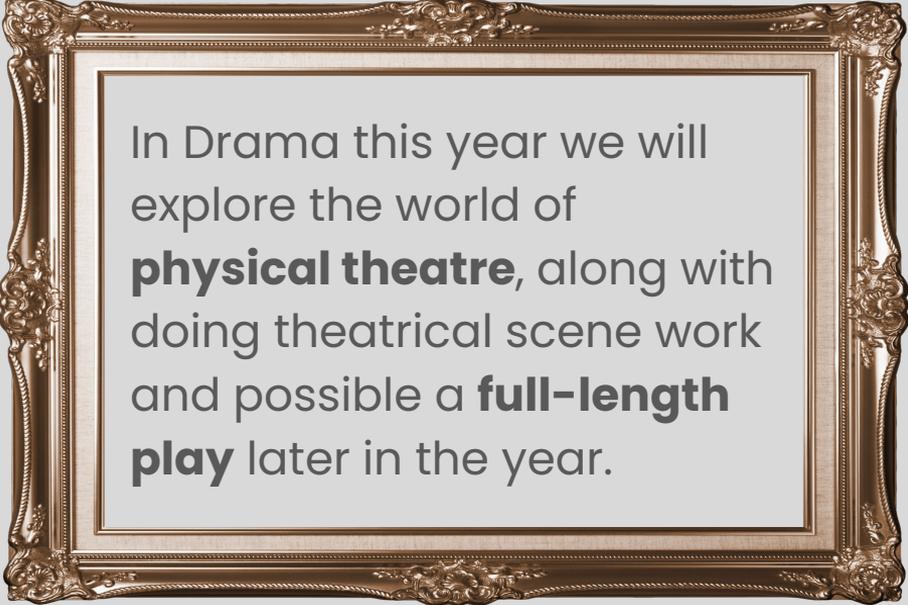
Students should be checking their grades regularly.

Course grades are determined as follows:

- Quizzes & Tests 30%
- Class work & Participation 30%
- Projects, Independent Work & Presentations 20%
- Homework 20%

Parents can support students outside of the classroom by having conversations about what they are learning in class and by asking to see any projects that they are working on for Science. Providing opportunities to visit Science Museums, Zoos and Nature Centers is also an excellent idea!

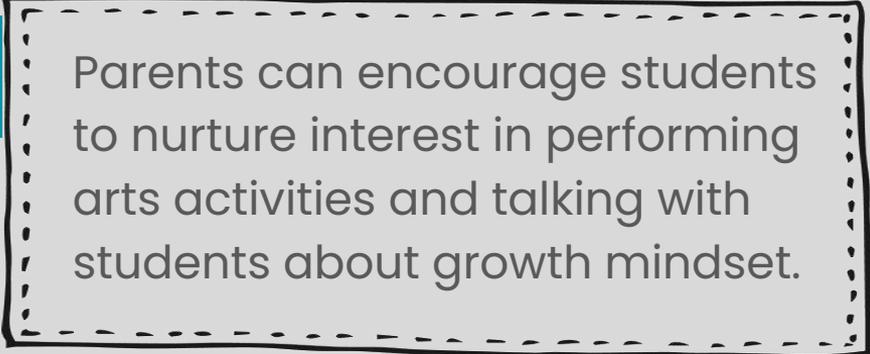
Herr Dahl, 5-8 Drama



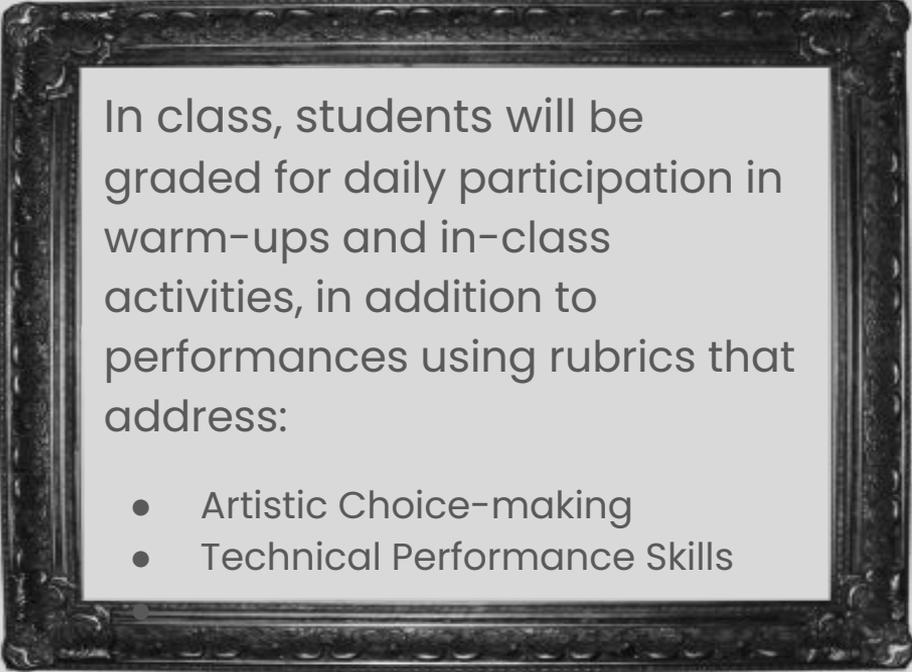
In Drama this year we will explore the world of **physical theatre**, along with doing theatrical scene work and possible a **full-length play** later in the year.



Students should wear socks on drama days, need only bring water bottles.



Parents can encourage students to nurture interest in performing arts activities and talking with students about growth mindset.



In class, students will be graded for daily participation in warm-ups and in-class activities, in addition to performances using rubrics that address:

- Artistic Choice-making
- Technical Performance Skills

Frau Müller, 7 German Humanities

In German Humanities, students will gain knowledge in the subject of Humanities, while also developing their German language skills.

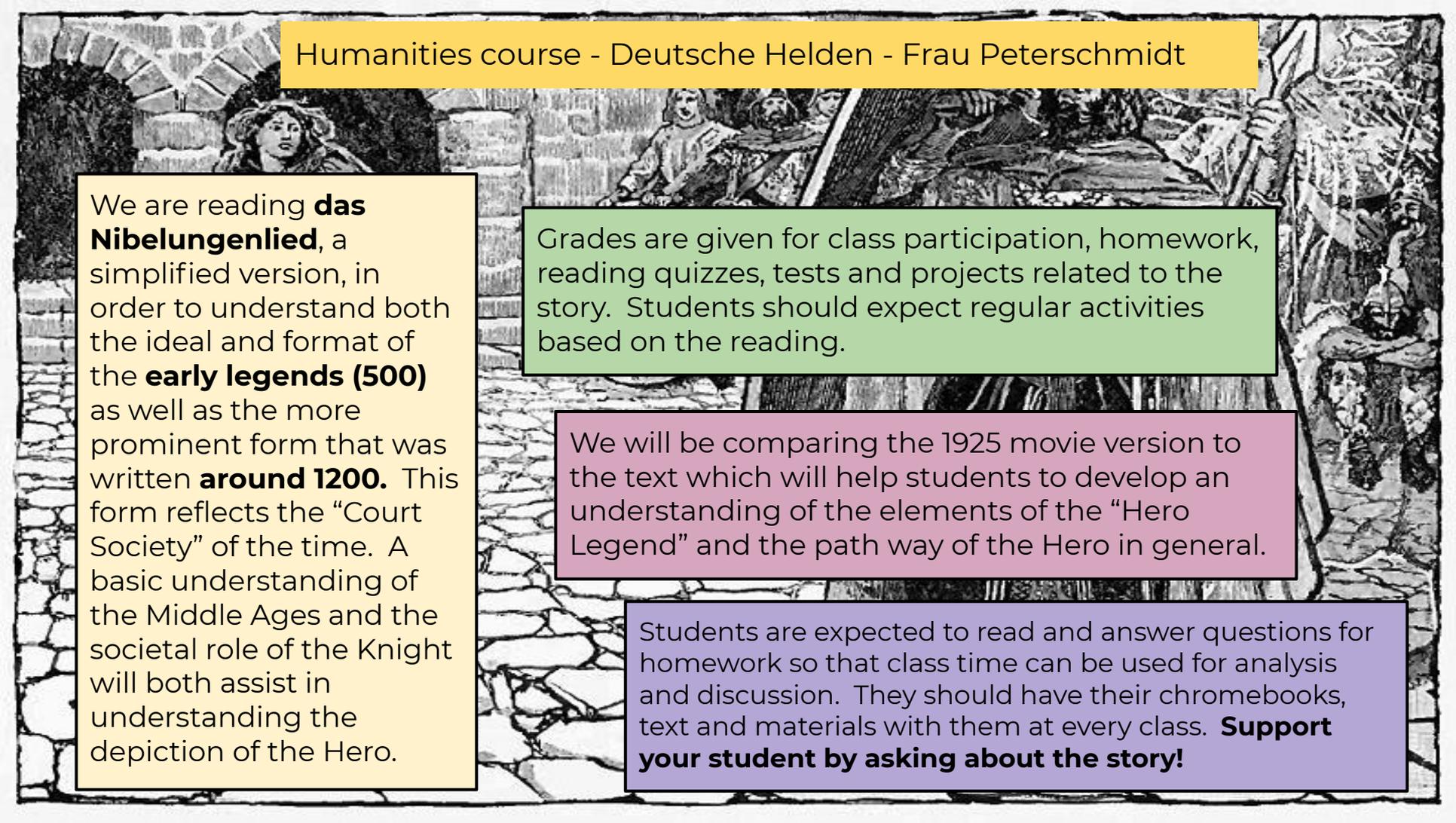
We will focus on both, verbal and written skills which includes listening and reading skills as well.

The topics we will cover in 7th grade are reports, history (WWI and WWII), population and migration, economy and civic rights.

Students will take a class test at the end of each unit. Students will also be graded on participation, class work, homework completion and folder check.

Support your child by encouraging them to read in German every day for about 20 minutes. Watching German news (e.g. Logo) or German shows is also recommended. Duolingo is also a great resource.

Students should always bring their Chromebook, planner, and a pen/pencil to class. A German book and their binder should be in the classroom.



Humanities course - Deutsche Helden - Frau Peterschmidt

We are reading **das Nibelungenlied**, a simplified version, in order to understand both the ideal and format of the **early legends (500)** as well as the more prominent form that was written **around 1200**. This form reflects the “Court Society” of the time. A basic understanding of the Middle Ages and the societal role of the Knight will both assist in understanding the depiction of the Hero.

Grades are given for class participation, homework, reading quizzes, tests and projects related to the story. Students should expect regular activities based on the reading.

We will be comparing the 1925 movie version to the text which will help students to develop an understanding of the elements of the “Hero Legend” and the path way of the Hero in general.

Students are expected to read and answer questions for homework so that class time can be used for analysis and discussion. They should have their chromebooks, text and materials with them at every class. **Support your student by asking about the story!**

Frau Peterschmidt -7. Klasse Support German

“This course strengthens students’ level of competency in German reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, and vocabulary. This sometimes involves review, extra practice in the various language modalities, and activities that reinforce concepts in German class. Specific areas of emphasis include German reading and writing.”

Students should expect to use online practice resources and thus need their chromebooks on an almost daily basis. We will also be working with the Text Planet Plus as well as materials from other sources. We will have regular quizzes on genders, nouns, and grammatical concepts, such as cases, verb conjugations, or word order.

Modules, usually focused around a theme, such as family, or food will be completed with either a project or a test. Students are graded on participation, homework, maintaining a notebook, quizzes, projects, tests and dictations.

Homework is often short written practices, or online practice. Students should practice something every night.



Herr Graf - 7th Grade Math



Grades

Big Goals This Year

Students will be extending their math literacy to include ratios, negative numbers, variables, and functions both graphically and algebraically.

In class assignments, participation are the largest part of a students grade. At the end of each unit we will have a test.

Work that is done in student's math notebooks will be reviewed 2 times a semester.



Materials We Use In Class Most Days



Semester 1

Scaling and Squishing
with proportions and ratios

Extending the Numberline
with negative numbers

“Plotting” to take over the world
with equations, tables, and graphs

Semester 2

3D Geometry
with circles, sectors, and cylinders

Probability and Statistics
With data, graphs, and games

Predicting the Future
with linear models and algebra

Extra Math Support & Challenges

- Frequent ‘Bonus’ Math investigations (example) and challenges given out to students
- Will be using IXL and Khan Academy to support individual student learning
- Extra math support available before and after school upon Request - Email Herr Graf

[Link to Syllabus](#)

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Frau Jacobs

English Humanities

Class is a combination of ELA and social studies.

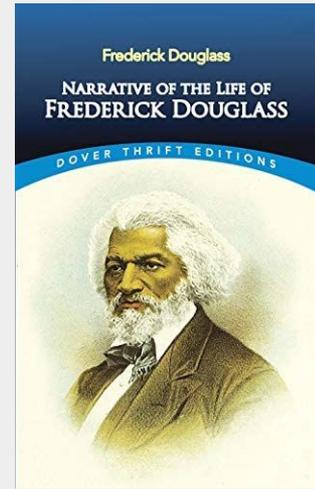
How can you support?

Encourage your student to read and talk to them about what they are reading.

Reading to them is great too!

Students should come prepared to class with their notebook and folder.

- Westward Expansion
- Slavery and *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
- American Civil War
- History Day



Grading:

- Non-weighted grades. Assignments that are worth more a given more points.
- There is a combination of in class, homework, project, and test grades.
- History Day is its own grading category.

Profe Hammer 7th Grade Spanish

In 7th grade Spanish class we focus primarily on language acquisition. We also learn about unique cultural aspects of different Spanish speaking countries.

The main emphasis at the beginning of the year is listening and speaking skills in Spanish. As the year progresses we focus more equally on reading, writing, speaking and listening.

My grades are primarily based on proficiency level which I evaluate through daily work and formal assessments. I consider scores of 80% and above to be proficient or on target.

Support your student at home by asking them to teach you a new word or phrase they learned in Spanish recently or by helping them complete [extra - credit](#) activities.

Materials students need for class are: a writing utensil, their 3 ring binder, chromebook and notebook. They also need to bring their focus and positive attitude.

Frau Müller, 7th/8th Grade Media & Journalism

YEARBOOK



In this class we will plan and create our Yearbook!

We will learn about interviewing, photography, writing and editing.

The students will work on their tech skills by creating and editing layouts and working on the yearbook pages. We will also do some marketing for our yearbook.