

## Policies

### Homework:

- ☞ Homework will be assigned nearly every night except Fridays, though there may be an occasional assignment on a weekend.
- ☞ About 60 minutes of learning time should be set aside each night for homework, study time, project work, and/or reading.
- ☞ *Please check your child's assignment book each night* and at least talk to them about the completion of their homework. Then, please initial the book next to the place the assignments were written. The student is responsible to get your initials.
- ☞ Homework will be graded in the following way:
  - √+ (100) if totally complete and neat
  - √ (80) if mostly complete
  - √- (50) if only half complete or late
  - (0) if not turned in.
- ☞ When homework is not completed, the student will need to complete it ASAP in school or at home. They may turn it in late for a √-.
- ☞ If an assignment is messy, does not follow directions, or is not written in cursive, it may need to be completed again and/or lose some credit. (Students who transferred to PVCA without learning cursive are exempt from writing in cursive.)
- ☞ On the weekly update, you will be informed of any missing assignments from the previous week.
- ☞ Parents are encouraged to help their child with their homework if they need it. However, helping to the point of practically giving the answer is not in their best interest. It may not help them to learn the concept, and it gives the teacher a false impression of the student's comprehension of the subject. If you see your child struggling with a homework assignment, please let me know.

### Reading Journals:

A few weeks into the school year, students will begin working on reading journals. Each student will be required to read a pre-approved book for at least one hour per week. By each Wednesday and Friday, 30 minutes or more should have been read. A 6-9 sentence summary of what has been read is due on each of these days. It should be neatly written in paragraph form, and should always be done in one of their composition books for reading. These reading journals will be graded using the homework scale above. The following heading should be at the top of each journal entry:

Date (Example: 9/13)

Title of the Book (*The Indian and the Cupboard*)

Reading start time – reading end time (7:05-7:38)

Starting page – ending page (23-34)

### Monday Papers:

On the first school day of each school week, your child should be bringing home a packet of some of the homework, classwork, tests, quizzes, and other work that was completed the previous week. Also attached to it will be a weekly progress report and some important class announcements. It is important to me that I keep you informed about your child's progress, so please look for this packet on the first school day of the week, sign the progress report, and return it to me by Wednesday.

### Other Info.:

- ☞ All written work should be completed in pencil and written in cursive unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Spelling work may be written in cursive or printing.
- ☞ If you have any questions about an assignment, feel free to call me or text me at (508)243-7312 or e-mail me at [tbeggs@pvcama.org](mailto:tbeggs@pvcama.org).