



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2016/2017 school year! I will be your child's seventh grade English Language Arts teacher, and I am delighted to have your child in my class this year. I am looking forward to getting to know all my students, learning, and growing with them as we start the adventure of seventh grade together. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education with an emphasis in TESOL education. I am native New Mexican and a graduate of Pojoaque High School. I attended Northern New Mexico College where I completed my degree. This is will be my 6th year teaching Language Arts at PVMS, and every year it gets better and better. I am looking forward to a very successful year, and I know you are too. I have high expectations for your child and will do all that I can to help him/her achieve those expectations.

Seventh grade is a very unique grade. Students move from the cradle of elementary into the pre-teen world of middle school. Students are now responsible for keeping track of assignments, projects, and homework for seven classes and will need to adjust to seven different teachers and classrooms. It is vital that organization be at the core in all they do.

Class Supplies:

- 3 composition notebooks
- 1 1in. binder

You can help your student to learn to organize. I will be expecting assignments to be completed in a timely manner. In addition, each student is required to read independently a minimum of 20 minutes daily. It is my policy that any assignment not finished in class be taken home for completion. Student grades will be based on a points system. I assign certain point values to each assignment that is graded. For example: worksheets are worth 10 points, quizzes are worth 50 points and projects are worth 100 points. I keep Power School up to date as

diligently as possible. Grades for the week should all be recorded by Friday, or Sunday at the latest.

I will send home a weekly newsletter with information about class activities, upcoming projects, tests, and school activities. I will send this via email, so it is important that I have an email address for all parents.

It is vital that you and I keep the lines of communication open. I strongly believe that if a student has support both at home and at school, he/she will be successful. I am available to talk after school from 3:15-3:30. However, I feel email is another option. I check my email constantly throughout the day, and I will get back to you as quickly as possible. My email address is: wim@pvs.k12.nm.us.

Again, I am looking forward to a fantastically successful year, and I look forward to working with your child.

Sincerely,

Winnona Moore