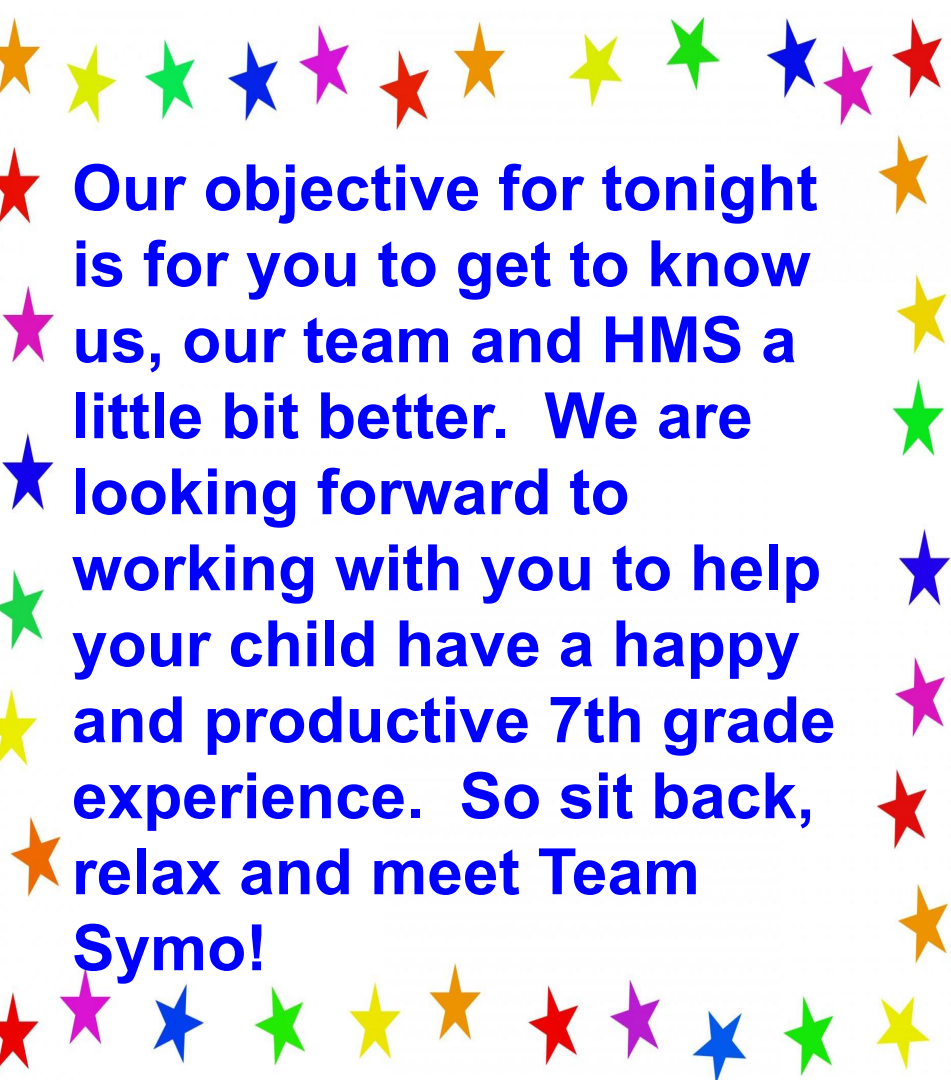


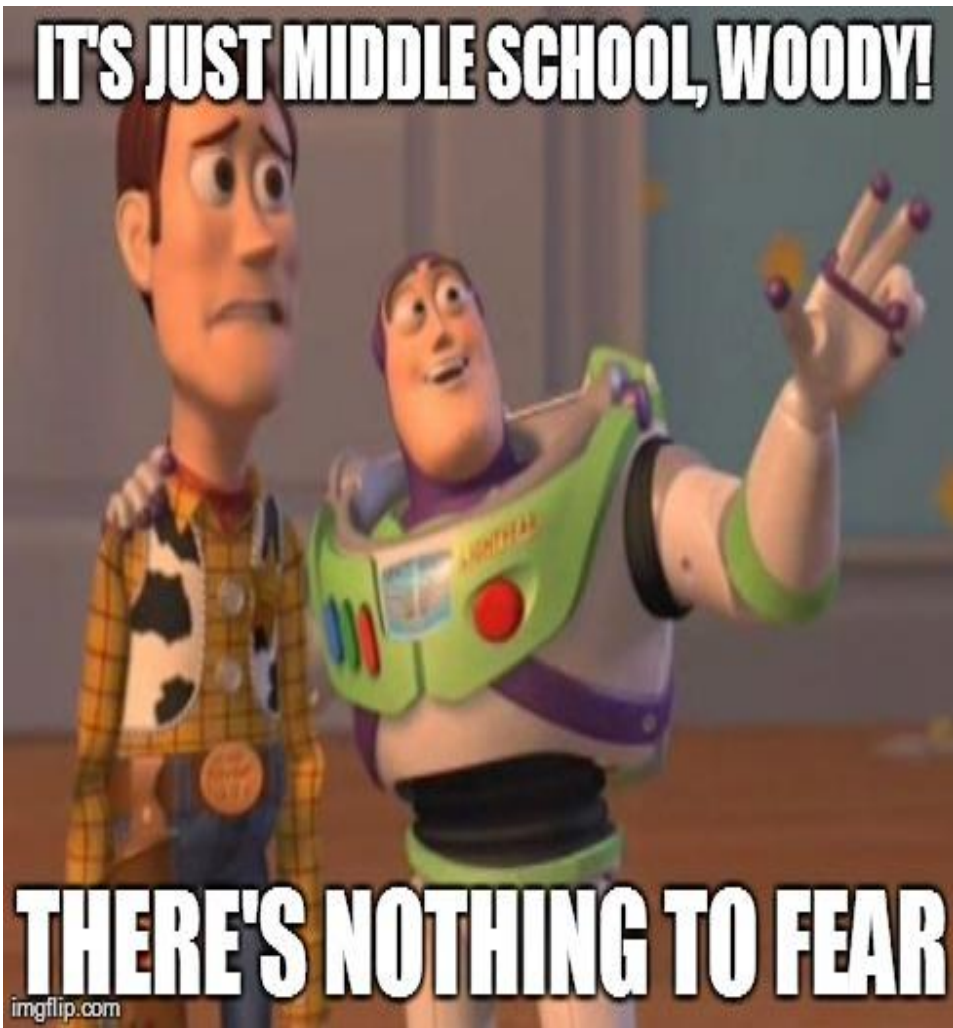


Welcome to Team Symo! House 3

Team Symo is here to
help your children
succeed and become the
best they can be! **Our
motto is work hard and
be kind!**



Our objective for tonight is for you to get to know us, our team and HMS a little bit better. We are looking forward to working with you to help your child have a happy and productive 7th grade experience. So sit back, relax and meet Team Symo!



Meet Team Symo...

Melanie Coggins
English



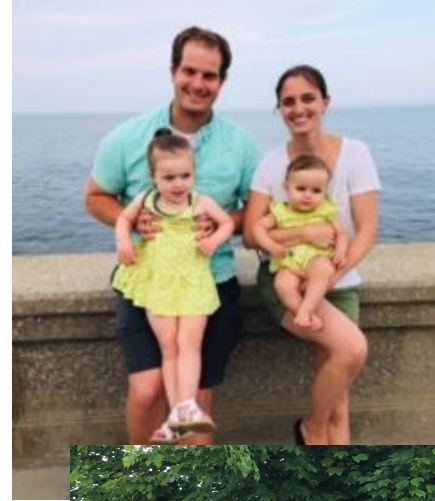
Brenna Symonaitis
Team Leader/Science



Diane DelCervo
Social Studies



Kim Simone
Math




Melissa Kldder-Blake
Resource Teacher


A REALLY important way to stay informed.....

**Sign up for Remind.
Text @teamsymo to
81010.
Remind is safe!**

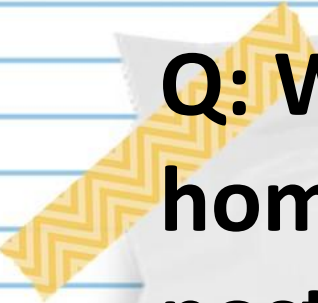
all about Homework



Students should be doing homework every night. HMS does not have a study hall or dedicated homework time. Inconsistent HW completion is the fastest way students get themselves into academic difficulties.




all about Homework



**Q: Where can we see
homework assignments
posted?**

**A: View the Team Symonaitis
webpage after 3:30 pm daily.**



Accessing Homework Website:

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7TH GRADE TEAMS

HOUSE 2
(TEAM MULE)

HOUSE 3
(TEAM SYMONAITIS)

HOUSE 4
(TEAM PERITO)

HOUSE 5
(TEAM DECARTER)



8TH GRADE TEAMS

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

Math

- Finish the front of the Perimeter, Area and Volume worksheets from in-class

-My Life in Numbers, Newsletter and 5 sentences about yourself all should be in

Algebra

- Even problems on page 14 of workbook

- Quiz Monday on patterns and arithmetic sequences

-My Life in Numbers, Newsletter and 5 sentences about yourself all should be in

English

Periods 1 and 2 - Read up to page 37 in *Harbor Me* and create session 2 notebook page.

Period 5 - Read 59 - 82 in *Brown Girl Dreaming* and create session 3 notebook page. Read up to page 74 in *Harbor Me* by Thursday.

all about Grading



Q: Where can we see grades for completed assignments, class averages, and missing work?

A: POWERSCHOOL

We encourage you to check weekly to monitor progress.



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Parent Portal Access

The Parent Portal provides a way for parents to observe their child's attendance, assignments and grades, as well as easily email teachers. This access allows parents to keep more informed about what is happening with their children in school. The Parent Portal is part of our Student Information System (SIS).

This year, Hamden changed our SIS from Tyler (TEMS) to PowerSchool. PowerSchool is used by over 80% of schools in Connecticut. As we transition to PowerSchool, we are opening the Parent Portal first for secondary students - those attending Hamden Middle School, Hamden High School, and HCLC. Elementary schools will open the Parent Portal only on a pilot basis (a handful of elementary classrooms), since elementary schools are also transitioning to a new type of progress reporting (Standards-based report cards). All features of the Parent Portal will not be available immediately, but will be added as quickly as possible as we complete our move to PowerSchool.

If you are a parent of a Hamden Middle, Hamden High or HCLC student (or have been notified by your elementary school that your child's teacher is participating in the elementary pilot), you must first register to receive log in credentials.

[Register for the Parent Portal](#)

[Login to the Parent Portal](#)

[Forgot Password to the Parent Portal](#)

There is a zero in PowerSchool!

Step 1: Check in with your child and ask why there is a zero! Encourage your child to handle it by turning in missing work or checking with the teacher.

*Teachers put in a Zero/Absent if your child is out.
That can be made up for full credit.

Step 2: Give your child the chance to fix the problem.

Step 3: Contact the teacher if you don't see any resolution in PowerSchool within the next few days.

Science:



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGuSqcNE-iQ&feature=youtu.be>
- **Curriculum**, following Next Generation Science Standards:
 - Safety unit - contract & quiz
 - Chemistry
 - Weather
 - Life Science
- **Grading:**
 - Homework = 20%
 - Quizzes = 30%
 - Tests = 50%
- **Our curriculum is online!**



Social Studies

- ❖ Students will explore the impact of Geography on the development of civilizations of the Eastern Hemisphere.
- ❖ Topics will include the lasting impact of different cultures, and the contemporary concerns that are affecting a variety of countries today.
- ❖ Grading 20% Informal: class work, homework
 80% Formal : writing, tests, quizzes, projects
- ❖ *World Cultures and Geography* textbook available online.



WELCOME

Mrs. Kidder-Blake
Room 239 House 3
Resource Teacher

Resource Class is for students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP's).

The purpose is to help students gain the skills and knowledge to perform independently in the school setting.

Skills that we work on are:

Organization

Strategies

Test prep

Time Management

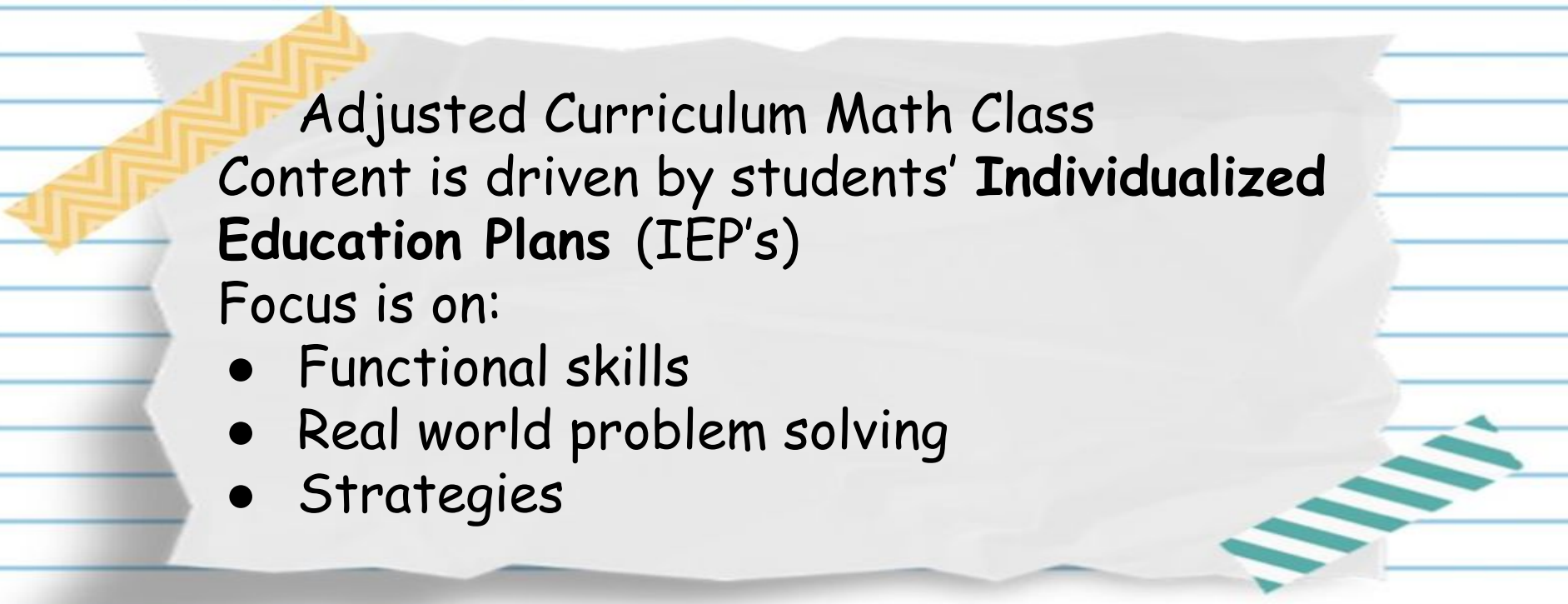
Homework completion

Resource class is based on student's goals and objectives; and directly links to IEP progress monitoring.

all about Math



Grading:
Homework 10%
Classwork 60%
Assessments 30%



Adjusted Curriculum Math Class
Content is driven by students' **Individualized Education Plans (IEP's)**

Focus is on:

- Functional skills
- Real world problem solving
- Strategies

English



The English curriculum at Hamden Middle School provides a balanced approach to literacy through the acquisition and application of reading and writing skills. Students will read various fiction and nonfiction texts and produce narrative, expository, and argumentative writing. Areas of emphasis include:

- Reading comprehension
- The elements of literature
- Literary analysis
- Examining the content and structure of text
- Vocabulary
- Critical thinking

Grading:

Homework: 10%

Process Work 50%

Assessments 40%



Math: Curriculum

7th Grade Pre-Algebra

1. Integers & Rational Numbers (2 units)

2. Expressions, Equations & Inequalities (2 units)

3. Ratios & Proportional Reasoning

4. Geometry

5. Probability & Statistics

Algebra 19

1. Patterns & Sequences

2. Equations and Inequalities

3. Functions

4. Linear Functions

5. Data

6. Systems of Equations

7. Exponents & Exponential Functions

8. Quadratics



Math: Grading

Pre-Alg

Alg 19

Formal Assessments: 80%

(tests, quizzes, projects, performance tasks, etc.)

80%

90%

Informal Assessments: 20%

(homework, do-nows, classwork, etc.)

20%

10%

All assignments are point based. For example, a test may be worth twice as much as a quiz but both fall in the “formal” category.

Pre-Alg: A quiz may be retaken once regardless of the grade the first time. To be eligible to retake a quiz, students must stay after at least one time for extra help. The final grade will be the average of the original and retake. There are no retakes for tests.

Algebra 19: No retakes on any assignment.