Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to STEAMA 2.0/Exploring Careers and Employment-FUSE! During this semester, students will connect their interests through project-based learning. Students will revisit Xello Learning Styles and Career Matchmaker. They will use Conover to learn about Workplace Readiness Skills. **Parents/Guardians, if you are interested in speaking with the 8th grade students about your career, please email me at jhoward@duplinschools.net.**

I am so excited to announce that students will be using the FUSE studio to become experts in STEAMA (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, and Agriculture). FUSE consists of 32 discovery and innovating challenges. FUSE Challenges enable students to design 3-D cars and jewelry, mix music, program a robot, build colorful light circuits, engineer flight control panels, create 3-D creatures, optimize wind turbines, design roller coasters, and many others.

Grades will be based on FUSE Challenge assignments. Parents, please use PowerSchool to check grades anytime. **Students, please bring your charged Chromebook daily to class!**

Grading Scale: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=0-59

This semester is filled with hands-on activities; therefore, it is imperative that parents/guardians read the Safety and Responsibility Rules sheet with your child, sign it, and have them return it to me by the end of the first week of school. **As a reminder, cell phones should remain off and not be visible during the school day.**

Please, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send me an email at jhoward@duplinschools.net. I look forward to a fantastic STEAMA semester with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Joy Howard
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