

Parents of students in grades 4-6

To ensure we are providing our students with the best educational experience possible and allowing each student the time and instruction they need to learn the curriculum, the intermediate staff is implementing the following new policy.

Students will be graded according to performance-based standards. This means that students will have the opportunity to receive on-going instruction until each student masters each of the concepts. In order to accomplish this, we need additional time for students who need extra instruction. Starting on Monday, September 22, 2007, the intermediate teachers will have a mandatory guided study hall every day after school until 3:45 p.m. This study hall will be for students who may not have completed assignments in class, for students who may not have completed homework, or for students who need more instruction to understand a vital concept. A certified teacher will be working with the students to assist them in learning the missing material. Instead of allowing students to accumulate missing assignments, students will be held accountable for all missing practice assignments by attending the mandatory guided study hall. Until all the assignments are completed, their report card will have an INCOMPLETE for a grade, rather than a failing grade which may not be an accurate assessment of their knowledge. If your student needs to attend mandatory study hall, the teacher or your child will call you as soon as they are able to let you know. If you cannot arrange transportation for that day, the student will be expected to stay the next day. Parents will have to provide their own transportation after school. Busing will not be available. Though we know this might cause some inconveniences, we know that the education of your child is of the utmost importance to you. Learning is required at Newman Elementary. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Anthony at 255-3862.