

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Villegas Middle School. Our main focus is the well being of your student. Middle school can be overwhelming at first but the students adjust and learn to adapt to their vigorous schedules.

My name is Mr. Rasmussen and I teach 6th grade English Language Arts and Social Studies. This is my ninth year teaching at Villegas Middle School. I expect the students to do the work assigned both in and out of class.

Our class has a website to help students excel this year. Homework and class work will be posted at **www.room49.com**. The website www.spellingcity.com/adigitalteacher can also help prepare students for weekly spelling tests.

Expect a progress report from me every three weeks. After the sixth and twelfth weeks you will receive your student's progress report and their semester grade at the end of the eighteenth week in the mail. All grades will start at the beginning of the semester and continue till the end of the semester.

Homework is very important and must be turned in the next morning. If your child is not at school the next day then it must be turned in when he/she returns. They are still responsible to make up any missed work and they will be given a reasonable amount of time to turn it in. Late work will be graded for half credit.

Following is the grading scale:

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
59 – below	F

Your student will receive **weekly assignment sheets** where they will fill in the week's class work and homework. Please check these sheets everyday and sign them. These will be part of their class work grades. The students will be given homework Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. They will only have homework during the weekend if they missed school and have to make up assignments.

The English Language Arts grades will be weighted as follows:

Class work	5%
Homework	25%
Tests/Quizzes/Essays	70%

The Social Studies grades will be weighted as follows:

Class work	5%
Homework	30%
Tests	65%

My email address is: mark.rasmussen@alvord.k12.ca.us

From 2:17 p.m. till 3:20 p.m. I am available for conferences or calls. Please feel free to call then.

I look forward to a great year and meeting you all.

Thank you.

Mr. Rasmussen

Parent signature: _____

Student Name _____