

OCTOBER 22ND, 2018

MR. HEAD'S CLASSROOM

9 WEEKS IN!

Congratulations, both to parents and students, on making it through your first nine weeks of your middle school career! I know that it's been a lot of work, but you all have come very far from where we started just two months ago.

I want to take a moment to remind all of you to check out my classroom website for excellent resources and homework reminders. Additionally, I'd like to invite all of you to our parent-teacher conferences on November 1st from 3:15-6:15.



WHAT WE'LL BE LEARNING

This upcoming nine weeks, we'll be covering the following topics:

- Creating and reading timelines
- The movement of people
- Ancient Mesopotamia and Arabia
- Ancient Egypt



SOME UPCOMING CHANGES

A couple changes will be coming in the upcoming grading period.

The first is that I will be abiding by some of the policies that were introduced in my initial letter home in August that I have been lenient on to begin the school year.

Those items include my grading policy on late work and the school's bathroom pass policy. I will accept students to redo work for full credit on nearly all assignments, but if students turn in their assignment more than one day late, they will receive a deduction of 50% from that assignment's grade.

I also will be abiding by the school's policy of three restroom passes being used during my class this coming 9 weeks. The reason that we at Wilson have instituted this policy is to encourage students to use the restroom in between classes instead of interrupting and leaving during class time.

Last but not least, we will continue emphasizing writing in my classroom. Therefore, we will start reiterating basic skills such as capitalization, punctuation, and the correct spelling of reoccurring words such as "their, they're, and there." So don't be surprised as this becomes more a part of our curriculum.

KEY DATES

Thursday November 1st:
Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday November 6th: No School

Thursday November 11th: 2 hr Delay

Wed 11/21-Fri 11/23:
Thanksgiving Break

Thursday 11/29:
6th Grade College Visit

Thursday December 6th: 2 hr Delay

Fri 12/21-Wed 1/2 Holiday Break

Thursday 1/10: End of 2nd Quarter
Friday 1/11: No School