

Hello,

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a healthy and relaxing summer and have begun a great school year!! This year, along with in Writing class, I'm your Academic Strategies teacher too. Below you will find guidelines about what this class is all about!

Goals: Our goal in 6th grade Academic Strategies is to help you succeed during your time at Columbia Middle School. We will use time in class to learn new study skills and reinforce previously learned study skills and work on organization skills and time management. Time will also be used to work on long term assignments and study for upcoming quizzes and tests.

Google Classroom:

- Google Classroom will be used to post the daily list of upcoming assignments, tests, and quizzes. While I will do my best to update this document daily, it is **NOT** a substitute for your child to write homework down in either a paper agenda or a digital planner.

Supplies and Materials: While there are no required supplies for Strategies, students are expected to bring materials (binders, assignments) from content area classes and their Chromebook so that material can be reviewed and study skills can be applied to assignments and upcoming tests/quizzes.

Grading System:

You are graded using a points system. For each day that you attend Strategies, you have the opportunity to earn five points. The rubric used to assign these points is located here. At the end of the week a grade will be given.

Daily Log:

Over the next few days, I will be working with you to establish a routine for how time is used in Strategies class. I will make suggestions each day during our class meeting at the beginning of the block. I will then guide the you to figure out priorities for the block.

Technology:

It is important that Chromebooks are **charged** and ready to go. Bringing a charger may be helpful in case it is needed.

I can't wait to get to know you and share this exciting and productive year. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at gczerniak@bhpsnj.org.