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New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts

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HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

This document, prepared at the beginning of each marking period, serves as a family guide for supporting your child's academic success throughout the year by providing information about major themes or topics that will be covered in each course, key assignments, homework expectations, and teacher contact information.

Check your child's grades and other important information at your New York City Schools Account. Find more information at schools.nyc.gov/learning/student-journey/nyc-schools-account

Marking Period Dates	
Marking Period 1	September 5- November 8 <i>Progress Report 1: October 18th</i>
Marking Period 2	November 2 - January 24, 2024 <i>Progress Report 2: December 18th</i>
Marking Period 3	January 27, - April, 4, 2025 <i>Progress Report 3: March 5th</i>
Marking Period 4	April 7 - June 13 <i>Progress Report 4: May 7th</i>

PTC Dates	
Back to School Night	September 12th
MP 1 Conference	November 14th
MP 2/3 Conference	March 13th
PID Warnings	May 8th

Course Information for 6th Grade

ELA	
Major Themes and Topics in Module 1	READING: Fantasy Texts, including Greek Mythology The class novel is Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief WRITING: Narrative Writing
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	Narrative Writing: Students will write a personal narrative Finish reading class mentor text.
Homework Expectations	Please ensure that your child reads at least 1 chapter each night. • Vocabulary: Two unknown words from the chapter and their definitions • Some reading assignments will be supplemented and/or replaced by reading worksheets, writing homework, etc.
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	• Independent Reading for 30 minutes a night • Panther Reading Challenge: Students will be rewarded for reaching reading milestones (3rd book of the school year, 5th book of the school year, etc.)
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	Ms. Ismailovska Blsmailovska@schools.nyc.gov Ms. Nelson RNelson28@schools.nyc.gov
Supporting your child at home	Ensure that your child has dedicated quiet time to read at home for at least 30 minutes.

Math	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	• Unit 1: Area and Surface Area • Unit 2: Ratios • Unit 3: Unit Rate and Percentages
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	• Unit 1 - Pre-Test/Post-Test/Unit 1 Task • Unit 2 - Pre-Test/Post-Test/Unit 2 Task • Unit 3 - Pre-Test
Homework	• Complete Cornell Notes Summary, responding to the

Expectations	Essential Question of the Day (Given in class) • Complete all Bookmarked Zearn lessons in Math Library (each day there is a lesson a corresponding Zearn lesson will be assigned. Zearn can be completed from a smartphone if a computer is not accessible) • <u>Pass</u> 2 iReady lessons weekly
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	Khan Academy has videos that explain each topic and extra practice problems that both parents and students may find helpful. Note: Completing Zearn is the most important practice students can do outside of the classroom
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	Ms. Byrne: ColleenByrne@nmbamiddleschool.org

Science	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	Harnessing Human Energy
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	Argumentative Essay: Which type of energy is best to use in a rescue team mission: solar or kinetic energy?
Homework Expectations	Homework will be given two times a week and posted in Google Classroom. eg: Reading activity with comprehension or short response questions
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	• Complete Science activity sheets inside of student folders. • Review related videos and additional materials in Google Classroom.
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	For additional information, email ndeleon2@schools.nyc.gov

Social Studies	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	Geography of the Eastern Hemisphere
Must Haves for Marking	Unit 1 Informational Essay: Does Geography Determine

Period 1	Development?
Homework Expectations	Homework will be given two times a week and posted in Google Classroom. eg: Reading activity with comprehension or a short response questions
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	• Complete designated assignments in student workbooks. • Review related videos and additional materials in Google Classroom.
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	For additional information, email Ndeleon2@schools.nyc.gov

Course Information for 7th Grade

ELA	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	READING <i>Genre:</i> Historical Fiction/Realistic Fiction Whole Class novel: <i>A Long Walk to Water</i> Book Clubs - Students will be conducting a character study in their book clubs. <i>Writing:</i> Realistic Fiction
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	Reading: Complete <i>A Long Walk to Water</i> Writing: Students will write a Realistic fiction short story
Homework Expectations	Reading homework is assigned every night. Students should read 30 minutes each night and jot in their notebooks, and log unfamiliar vocabulary. Some reading assignments will be supplemented and/or replaced by reading worksheets, writing homework, etc.
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	Panther Reading Challenge: students will be rewarded for reaching reading milestones (3rd book of the school year, 5th book of the school year, etc.)
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	Gabriel Morales - gmorales@nmbamiddleschool.org Yaroslav Grytsayo - yaroslavgrytsayo@nmbamiddleschool.org
Supporting your child at home	Ensure that your child has dedicated quiet time to read at home for at least 30 minutes.

Math	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	701, 703 and 704 - Unit 1: Scale Drawings - Unit 2: Introducing Proportional Relationships (Beginning of) Unit 3: Measuring Circles
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	701, 703, and 704 - Unit 1 - Pre-Test/Post-Test/Unit 1 Task - Unit 2 - Pre-Test/Post-Test/Unit 2 Task - Unit 3 - Pre-Test
Homework Expectations	701 - Complete Cornell Notes Summary, responding to the Essential Question of the Day (Given in class & posted on Google Classroom) - Complete all Bookmarked Zearn lesson in Math Library (each day there is a lesson a corresponding Zearn lesson will be assigned. Zearn can be completed from a smartphone if a computer is not accessible) <u>Pass</u> 2 iReady lessons weekly 703 and 704 - Complete Cornell Notes Summary, responding to the Essential Question of the Day. - Complete all Bookmarked Zearn lesson in Math Library (each day there is a lesson a corresponding Zearn lesson will be assigned. Zearn can be completed from a smartphone if a computer is not accessible) - Pass 2 iReady lessons weekly.
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	Khan Academy has videos that explain each topic and extra practice problems that both parents and students may find helpful. <u>Note:</u> Completing Zearn is the most important practice students can do outside of the classroom
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	701 - Ms. Beshers - email: cbeshers@nmbamiddleschool.org text: (347) 926-3568 703 and 704 - Mr. Duodu (803 & 804) nduodu@nmbamiddleschool.org (646) 828-9148

Science	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	Microbes & Metabolism
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	Information Writing essay on Microorganisms and the Human Microbiome
Homework Expectations	Homework is assignment 2-3 nights a week Support your child with homework by having them review their notes (summary section of their notebook) and answering the questions in the summary section
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	Students will have “hands on” activities (Labs), projects and lab report writing. Students will need cardboard, empty boxes (shoe size), etc..
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	Ms. C. Hamilton: chamilt6@schools.nyc.org

Social Studies	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	The Columbian Exchange American Colonization
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	DBQ Part A Students will analyze six primary sources and answer the accompanying questions. DBQ Part B How did the creation of the Columbian Exchange impact the lives of the Native Americans?
Homework Expectations	All incomplete classwork must be finished at home. Please check the Google Classroom every day to make certain the students have completed their assignments.
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	We use EdPuzzle, NewsELA, ReadWorks, graphic organizers.
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	rgalarza2@schools.nyc.gov

Course Information for 8th Grade

ELA	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	READING Unit 1: Folklore of Latin America: Whole Class Novel <i>Summer of the Mariposas</i> and various nonfiction articles on the topic. Students will also have Vocabulary Work based on the class novel. Book Clubs: Student groups read Contemporary Fiction written by diverse authors. The books will be chosen by each club from a short list provided by the teacher. WRITING: Memoir Narrative Writing
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	READING: 2 Assessments on the whole class novel. Finish <i>Summer of the Mariposas</i> and at least one other book within their book club. WRITING: Students will be responsible for a draft of a Memoir and a final, revised Memoir. Students need 2 notebooks for ELA-one for reading and one for writing. Each is a separate grade.
Homework Expectations	Students are tasked with reading every night, which should take at least 30 minutes. Students will also be required to complete worksheets that accompany the class novel or write in their notebooks to track their reading, and prepare for book club conversations.
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	Panther Reading Challenge: students will be rewarded for reaching reading milestones (3rd book of the school year, 5th book of the school year, etc.) Class participation is mandatory, including completing Do Nows, in class activities, silent independent reading.
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	Ms. Vohnout (801&803) avohnout@nmbamiddleschool.org Mr. Aufiero (803) faufiero@nmbamiddleschool.org
Supporting your Child at home	Please check with your students to make sure they are doing their assigned reading. Ask your students questions about their book-giving you a short summary of the chapter they read that night. Encourage conversations about texts, movies, tv shows, or even songs they like.

Math

Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	• Unit 1: Rigid Transformations and Congruence • Unit 2: Dilations, Similarity, and Introducing Slope
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	• Unit 1: Pre-Test/Mid-Unit Test/Post-Test/Unit 1 Task • Unit 2: Pre-Test/Post-Test/Unit 2 Task
Homework Expectations	• Complete Cornell Notes Summary, responding to the Essential Question of the Day (Given in class & posted on Google Classroom) • Complete all Bookmarked Zearn lesson in Math Library (each day there is a lesson a corresponding Zearn lesson will be assigned. Zearn can be completed from a smartphone if a computer is not accessible) • <i>FOR 804 ONLY</i> Students will also receive a worksheet with 1-2 questions per night for homework • <i>Pass</i> 2 iReady lessons weekly
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	Khan Academy has videos that explain each topic and extra practice problems that both parents and students may find helpful. Note: Completing Zearn is the most important practice students can do outside of the classroom
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	• Ms. Beshers (801 & 803) cbeshers@nmbamiddleschool.org (347) 926-3568 • Ms. Byrne (804) ColleenByrne@nmbamiddleschool.org • Mr. Duodu (803 & 804) nduodu@nmbamiddleschool.org (646) 828-9148 • Mrs. Mack (803) cmack@nmbamiddleschool.org • Ms. Courtney Beck (804) mrs.courtney@nmbamiddleschool.org

Science	
Major Themes and Topics in Marking Period 1	Geology on Mars
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	Argument Writing essay on <i>What geologic process could have formed the channel on Mars?</i>
Homework Expectations	Homework is given 2-3 nights a week Support your child with homework by having them review their notes (summary section of their notebook) and answering the questions in the summary section

Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	Students will have “hands on” activities (Labs), projects and lab report writing. Students will need cardboard, empty boxes (shoe size), etc..
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	Ms. C. Hamilton: chamilt6@schools.nyc.org

Social Studies	
Major Themes and Topics in Module 1	Reconstruction Immigration Industrial Revolution Progressive Era
Must Haves for Marking Period 1	DBQ Part A - Students will analyze six primary sources and answer the accompanying questions. DBQ Part B - Was Reconstruction successful in solving the nation's social and political problems for the newly freed slaves?
Homework Expectations	All incomplete classwork must be finished at home. Please check the Google Classroom every day to make certain the students have completed their assignments.
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	We use EdPuzzle, NewsELA, ReadWorks, graphic organizers.
Contact info of teachers and contact preferences	For additional information, email rgalarza2@schools.nyc.gov

Course Information for Electives

Dance	
Major Themes and Topics in 6th Grade	Merengue, Bachata, Modern, Tap, West African, Hip Hop, Creative Movement, Vogue/Waacking
Major Themes and Topics in 7th Grade	Bachata, Salsa, Modern, Ballet, West African, Hip Hop, Creative Movement, Vogue/Waacking
Major Themes and Topics in 8th Grade	Bachata, Salsa, Modern, Ballet, Tap, West African, House, Hip Hop, Creative Movement, Vogue/Waacking
Important Dates	Oct 10th- Bachata Workshop

	Oct 18th- Latin Social Event Dec 20th- Holiday/Winter Performance Feb 28th- Black History Month Performance June 20th- End of Year Performance
Important assignments	Portfolio Folder: dance agreement, reflections, dance history, crosswords/word searches, cultural drawing activities, choreography planning

Visual Art	
Major Themes and Topics in 6th Grade	Elements of Art: Line, Form, Texture and Value Paper Sculpture and Pumpkin Collage/ Warm and Cool Colors Water Color Painting, Pencil Sketching, Ceramics, and Seasonal Crafts
Major Themes and Topics in 7th Grade	Elements of Art: Line, Form, and Value Paper Sculpture, Pumpkin Value Pencil Drawing and Oil Pastel Piece Water Color Painting, Pencil Sketching, Ceramics, Mask Making
Major Themes and Topics in 8th Grade	Elements of Art: Line, Form, and Value Paper Sculpture, Pumpkin Value Pencil Drawing and Oil Pastel Piece Water Color Painting, Pencil Sketching, Ceramics and Mask Making
Important Dates	Dec. 20 Holiday/ Winter Performance Decorations Feb. 28 Black History Month Performance Decorations
Important assignments	Portfolio Preparation and Auditions for grade 8

PE/ Health	
Major Themes and Topics in 6th - 8th Grade	PE national standard 1.- The physically literate individual demonstrates competency in a variety of motor skills, and movement patterns. Combine and integrate fundamental skills and adjust techniques based on feedback, and assessment.
Curriculum Expectations	All grades learn to play different sports each month. All students will complete fitness gram, an assessment of their physical strength, Flag football, hockey, soccer
Supplemental Activities and Additional Supports	All students are invited to attend morning fitness program monday -friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Saturday Academy open gym hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Supporting your Child at home	Be sure that your child attends school dressed in the designated gym uniform (sweatpants, t-shirts) on the days that they have PE.
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