

Academic Lab Ms. Botte



Purpose:

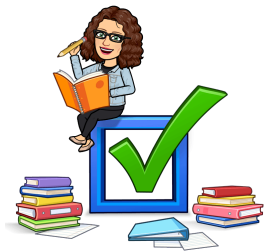
Academic Lab aims to improve students' comprehension of core subjects at their grade level, including math, English Language Arts (ELA), science, and social studies/history. This lab offers a chance for students to see grade-level academic skills demonstrated, presented visually, and broken down into manageable steps, enhancing their understanding.

Additionally, students will focus on organizational skills, learning effective methods to complete assignments and manage their time efficiently. The effort students invest in this class directly influences what they gain from it! Therefore, it is crucial to arrive each day prepared, with a positive mindset, and ready to engage in learning.

Grading Procedure:

Given that this class relies heavily on student involvement, the following two aspects will be assessed daily:

- Teacher evaluation of work habits - 10 points per week (up to 2 points given per day), based on the following:
 - 2 points - students participated throughout the hour
 - 1 point - student required multiple reminders to participate
 - 0 points - student was unwilling to participate (parents also contacted)
- Student grade checks - students will learn how to access grades through Infinite Campus and will check their grades on a regular basis for 10 points



Final grades will be given based on a basic point system (number of points earned/total points = final grade percentage).

Need Additional Help?

- **Daily Homework Log -**

- This information is connected to my Google page available on the OMS website. It has also been shared with your child and can be accessed in their shared documents when they log into their Google account. This page is updated daily to track assignments, tests, and projects in their main classes.

Homework will be marked in blue, while tests and assignments will be marked in green. If your child mentions that they have no homework, this is an excellent resource to verify!

- **Infinite Campus -**

- This resource is ideal for both parents and students to keep track of grades. Students will receive their login credentials and are expected to check their grades weekly during Academic Lab and/or Advisory. Parents can obtain their login details by contacting the school office at 467-2168.

- **KHAN Academy** (www.khanacademy.org) -

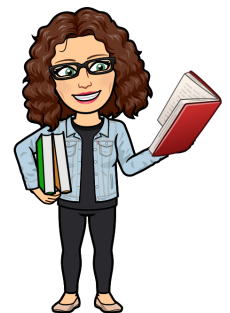
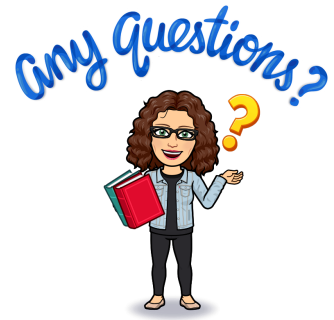
- This website offers excellent step-by-step tutorials on essential subjects, particularly in math, which can often pose challenges during homework. Simply search for the concept or topic you're finding difficult, and you'll find a selection of videos to choose from! Watching multiple videos can enhance your understanding even further.

- **YouTube** (www.youtube.com) -

- Not just for watching silly videos, YouTube has many educational tutorials as well! Again, just search the topic/concept and watch a few.

- **Extra Time with Resource Room Teacher -**

- If students need additional assistance, Ms. Botte is available for meetings before or after school. Please set up an appointment ahead of time by calling or sending an email. It would also be fantastic if your child could take the initiative to schedule this time, as it helps build their sense of responsibility!



School can be challenging, with academics, friendships, and managing activities being just a few of the pressures students face. I firmly believe every student has the potential to succeed. I am here to assist in any way possible to ensure that success. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions or concerns. Maintaining open communication between home and school will greatly benefit your child.

Our classroom motto for this year will be: “Do the right thing, even when no one is watching!” We will talk about how every choice you make at school—whether related to academics, behavior, or friendships—reflects your character. Strive to be your best self at all times, not just when others are paying attention.

Thank you for sharing your child with me! Here’s to a great school year!

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Please return this form ONLY

Student Name: _____

What is your goal for this school year (academic, behavior, social,...):

What can Ms. Botte do to help you achieve this goal?

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Any information that you would like me to be aware of? Or, are there any special requests that you have when working with your child this year?

