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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Team 8S! We have the wonderful opportunity of teaching your child this school year, and we hope you are having a smooth transition from summer vacation to the start of school.

Team 8S believes strongly in teamwork and the parent connection is especially important in the successful achievement of your child. Communication is highly encouraged, so please feel free to contact us via email or phone at (713) 726-3616 with any questions or concerns you may have. In order to maximize learning potential and ensure the safety of your child please remind him or her to:

- ◆ come to class prepared
- ◆ follow dress code at all times
- ◆ follow directions
- ◆ be seated before the tardy bell
- ◆ respect themselves and others and
- ◆ challenge themselves to his/her best

We feel that a student who works is the one who learns. It is reasonable for you to expect your child to have homework almost every night. Our late work policy is consistent with the school-wide grading plan. This plan is designed to promote academic success in all students. Students who do not turn in homework assignments by the assigned due date will be assigned to the Academic Intervention Program (AIP). The AIP documentation will be sent home (via student) and must be signed by a parent/guardian. The student must return the form to the AIP teacher on the assigned date. The completed assignment must accompany this document for credit to be given. Failure to attend AIP will result in a grade of zero (0) for that particular assignment. In addition, it is important to note that students are responsible for obtaining and completing any and all assignments missed due to absence. Team 8S, in accordance with HISD policy, allows five school days from the date of return for missed work to be submitted.

To stay informed on your child's academic progress, we encourage all parents to regularly check the new GradeSpeed © Internet grading program that all teachers will use. Also, please feel free to email your child's teachers if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. To schedule a team conference, our designated conference periods are purple days from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. If you would like to schedule a team conference, please contact Mrs. Collins by phone at (713) 726-3616 or via email at gcollins@houstonisd.org.

Finally, we strive to provide educational opportunities and activities for your child outside of the traditional school or classroom setting making field trips essential to learning. In order to achieve this goal it is often necessary to solicit support from the parental community. Therefore, anytime that you can volunteer to chaperone a field trip it is greatly appreciated. However, due to district policies, all potential volunteers must complete a criminal background check which is available in the main office.

We look forward to working together with you to ensure the academic growth and success of your child.

Sincerely,

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