

# Middle School 101

## Southport K-8

### Mrs. Guerrero



# HELLO!

## I am Rosario Guerrero

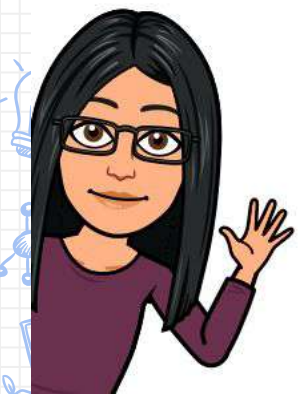
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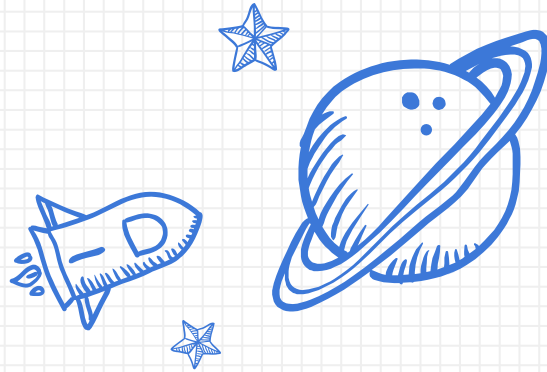
World History

AVID Elective/Program Coordinator

I have taught in WUSD for 20 years!

hey.





“Middle school students are at a critical time in their lives when making good choices matters – the decisions they make in these formative years have an impact on their future success.” Danny K. Davis





# Tips for staying on top of it!!



## ***STUDENTS***

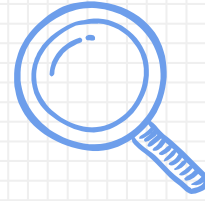
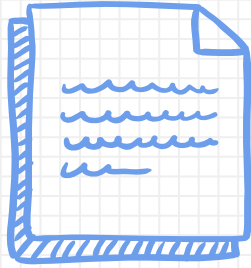
- ★ Create organization system for school and home
- ★ Student agenda for HW, due dates
- ★ Self advocacy-ask questions & get extra help
- ★ Attend HW help

## ***PARENTS***

- ★ Limit tech use, monitor social media
- ★ Family Calendar with project due dates
- ★ Monitor teacher's communication systems, apps, google
- ★ Monitor AERIES
- ★ Attend conferences



“First comes thought; then organization of that thought, into ideas and plans; then transformation of those plans into reality. The beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination.”  
Napoleon Hill



# Homework, Grading

# Aeries

- ★ 10-20 min of HW. Total about 1 hr, Sci 8 no HW
- ★ Teacher's update every 1-3 weeks
- ★ Teacher's categories and weights differ
- ★ Students and parents can get weekly grade checks
- ★ Progress reports/quarter reports submitted once a month, mailed home
- ★ FYI: Some work turned in on paper, electronically, or glued into notebooks.

## Late Work Policy differs from teacher to teacher

### 5th grade Policy:

Accept late work until last trimester, then stop to prep 5th grade for 6th

### Middle School Policy:

Differs from teacher to teacher; most accept late work for reduced pts up to progress report

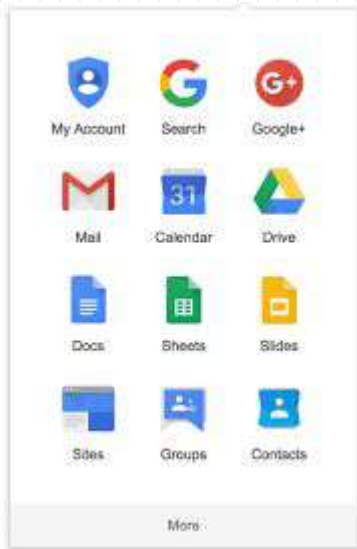
### HS Policy:

Differs from teacher to teacher, many do not accept late work

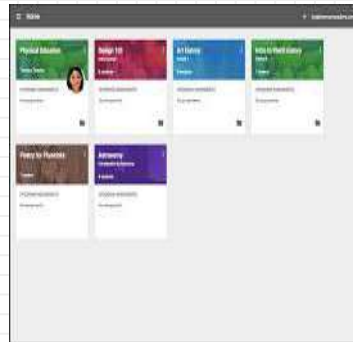


# Classroom applications

## Google Apps

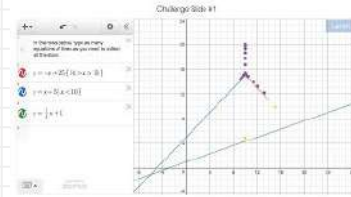


## Google Classroom



## Other apps used

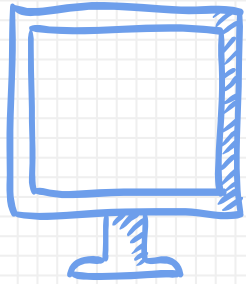
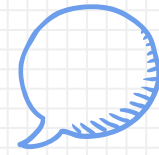
Math, Prodigy, Desmos, cK-12.org



Science



# Communication



- ★ Email!
- ★ Webpages: links, weekly calendars
- ★ HW and Class News/Updates:  
Instagram, Remind

- ★ Google classroom: parents can view assignments



# Skills We focus On

- ★ Various writing formats: narratives, argumentative, expository, research writing, note taking, poetry
- ★ CEES & CER Paragraph and Essay Format
- ★ Organization (thoughts/ideas and things)
- ★ Critical Thinking, Inquiry
- ★ Number of operations, intro to Algebra- 7th
- ★ Linear Functions, multi-step equations, Intro to Geometry-8th
- ★ Interpreting data & evidence

CEES  
(Claim,  
Evidence,  
Explain,  
support,  
significance)

CER  
(Claim,  
Evidence,  
Reasoning)



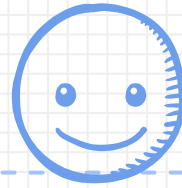
# Think-Pair-Share

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1. Think about your middle schooler or soon to be middle schooler and what are 3 questions that arose from the topics discussed?



# Some parenting humor..



"Mom, I can't do this homework! The directions say to do odd #s only but I don't see even ONE hashtag on this whole worksheet!"

Me:

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