

Welcome to Gamma Pod

2021-2022

Dear Gamma Student Families:

We are excited to begin a new year in Gamma Pod and we are pleased to have your son/daughter with us. As a helpful introduction to seventh grade, we'd like to tell you a little bit about the classes we teach.

American History



Mr. Kyle Fodness will teach American History, focusing on the Pre-Civil War Era through modern times. Students will investigate our nation's past and how it has shaped America into the country that it is today through a variety of means that will include: projects, discussions, notes, tests and written assignments.



Mathematics

Mr. Patrick McNallan is the math teacher. Students will study geometry, pre-algebra, fractions, decimals, percents and graphing. Students will also have the opportunities to work in groups, on projects and learn through games.

Special Education Inclusion

Mr. Corey Boen is the Special Education teacher. He will be in charge of the IEP's and the academic support in the classroom for these students. If you have an email address, that would be very helpful in communicating back and forth with him.

Language Arts



Mrs. Susan Eichstadt teaches Language Arts. Students will read short stories, novels and essays. Students will study poetry and complete a variety of writing assignments, including the five-paragraph essay. We will work toward completing the Common Core Standards in Language Arts.



Science

Mrs. Karen LaVine teaches Life Science. Life Science will emphasize the study of the environment, cell, genetics, human anatomy, the kingdoms of living things as well as how living things interact in our world. Students will be exploring science by doing a number of hands on activities such as labs and projects.

Materials



For Personal Use

- Pencils, blue or black pens
- 2 red correcting pens
- Five college-ruled notebooks
- 5 pocket folders or trapper
- 2 composition notebook
- 4 pack of highlighters

For Pod Use

- 1 ream of paper
- 2 boxes of facial tissues
- 24 pack of colored pencils
- pack of #2 pencils
- Hand sanitizer
- Donation - \$5 science labs



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BMS Website:

<https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/bms/>

Family Access / Skyward:

<https://parentweb.bemidji.k12.mn.us/scripts/wsi.sa.dll/WService=wsFam/fwemnu01.w>

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Attendance and Make-up Work

Students are encouraged to be in class every day. Assignments are posted on the Gamma Pod bulletin board at the end of every day. Students should ask their teacher for any handouts, instructions, and deadlines necessary to complete the make-up work on time. Parents and students can also access work assigned on a daily basis using Remind.