

7th Grade Bible Class Parent information

Parents,

Please read the following document carefully so that you will know **what** I am teaching, **why** I am teaching it, and **how** I will accomplish it. This document will also give the basics for how I will **assess for understanding** and how students can be successful and continue to learn and grow even when they have received a poor grade.

Once you have read the full document please **print ONLY this sheet** and then sign and send it in with your child. Thank you. *(It does not need to be in color)*

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Thank you again for a great start and we are looking forward to an awesome year in Bible Class.

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Parents,

I am very excited about this coming year. It is my desire as the 7th grade Bible Teacher to guide your children to see that God's Word is one complete story of Redemptive Love. I want to lead them to the realization that the Bible is God's revelation of His character and that a right understanding of who He is enables us to have a relationship with Him and in all parts of life. The students will use a preprinted Bible notebook that will help them connect God's covenant plan of redemption that was woven from the beginning of time, throughout the Old and New Testament, and into the present. By the end of this year, your student will know and understand over many hand-motions, and keywords that help them remember what the books of the Old and New Testament are talking about. They will also participate in an interactive yearlong drawing showing how it all fits together, and real life application for how to live based on what they are learning from the Biblical narratives.

We are in for an exciting and rewarding year. In order to make this Bible Program a success, students will be exposed to:

- Reading, discussion, hand-signs, keywords, and daily Bible teaching that encourages student participation.
- New weekly vocabulary and verse memorization quizzes throughout the nine weeks, as well as unit tests and a final
- Homework, given about 1-3 times weekly, which will be checked and used for discussion in class.
- Creative strategies and projects orchestrated to help students to understand, participate and be involved.
- A positive, non-threatening learning environment where questions are welcomed and encouraged by the teacher in order to stimulate true learning and interaction with the subject matter.

Tools we will use:

- Interactive Hand-Motions
- Keywords for every book of the Bible: To help student know the general theme of each book
- Progress & Unity Drawing: A growing drawing that will help the students see how the Bible is ONE STORY about God redeeming and restoring broken people back to a relationship with Him
- Daily connections with God's word to reveal more about God's character throughout the Old & New Testament.
- Scripture: The students will memorize and explain key Bible verses in order to produce understanding, and not just memorize and forget it.

Grading: The Basics

- 2-4 Tests or Performance Tasks / 12-16 Quiz & Homework Assignments

Classroom Management: Love and Logic:

- We believe all people and therefore all children are unique and different made in the image of God, yet fallen and sinful. We also want students to developmentally learn to be responsible for the choices they make and understand the logical consequences that follow so they can grow and learn through success and failure.