



**IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL YEAR!!!
2007-2008**

As we walk towards a new year, the shadows of this year will follow. My first year as supervising teacher has been awesome! Not one day did I wake up and think, "What have I done." I truly enjoy my new position at ISD.

This year was a learning year for many. The 7th/8th grade Middle School students were already familiar with the routines and rules. The other half of the Middle School students were new. It was the first year that Middle School included 5th grade. The students did a great job with the transition from Elementary to Middle School.

ISD gave a new assessment this year. It was called the NWEA MAP test. The NWEA results are included in this packet. These results are baseline scores for your child. They will take the test two times a year and progress will be charted each time. Generally, scores are low the first time a student takes a test. After he/she becomes familiar with this type of testing, the results become more valid. Please keep in mind these are the baseline scores for your child.

Many changes are coming to the Middle School next year. This summer, the building will be renovated. The carpeting will be replaced with tile and the walls will have a fresh coat of paint. In the fall, we will fundraise in full force for new lockers. I will not have the old ones put back after the renovation.

One other change will be each grade level will have four classes. This year, each grade had three classes and this created large classes. By having four classes, each class will be smaller and more time for individual assistance can be provided.

I was not able to include a study hall into the schedule, but am looking at a variety of clubs after school. Some of the suggestions include book club, math club, homework club, science club, Academic team club, etc... This will be one day a week after school. My goal is to talk with the Ball State Participants and see if they would be interested in supervising a homework room after school.

Please keep your eyes open this summer for awesome fundraising ideas. (I would like to begin as soon as school starts.)

School begins on August 11, 2008. Dorm students can arrive on Sunday, August 10, 2008.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer! See you in August!

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