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Dear Student,

Welcome to 8th grade. I am very excited to work with you this year. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and classroom expectations for this school year.

I will be your 8th grade Math and Science teacher. Classroom instruction is designed to prepare students for High School. We will have numerous projects to complete, books to read, and explore our personal thoughts, beliefs, values and personal goals. This process will not only involve me and your student, but your family as well.

In order to prepare for High School, be prepared for a heavy work load, in and out of class. Homework is very important at every grade level. Each day new concepts will be taught in class and will need to be practiced at home. You will be expected to read, study notes, work on projects, and WRITE at home in preparation for class each day. If you do not complete homework, you will be unprepared and fall behind in class. It will be very difficult to succeed in class without studying at home. In addition, students that do not have 70% of school work satisfactorily completed will NOT be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities such as Great America Trip, High School Visit, Promotion, School Dances, School Carnival, etc.

It is expected that this classroom will be a safe, caring, challenging, and respectful learning environment. Respect will be the underlying theme to run this classroom. We will respect each other, varying viewpoints, the school, as well as ourselves as individual learners with different experiences.

In order to be successful, you will need to:

* complete all assignments
* maintain a clean and organized classroom
* take and study notes
* participate in class discussions
* maintain and organize binders and portfolios

If at any time you have questions, need clarification, or support, I expect you to call me. If you will be missing class or don’t understand an assignment, please call me. I will also call you to check in on how you are doing in class, to communicate grades, review expectations, or to communicate with your family.

I look forward to getting to know you better and begin an amazing 8th grade year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Casimiro

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