

# GR. 8 LEARNING SUPPORT

Welcome to Success | Today's Forecast: 100% Effort

## English Homework

Block B and D:

Due: Aug. 19, Wed.

Make a copy of the Literary terms 2015 and complete the terms by following steps 1-3 on the sheet. Make sure that you only do the terms you know for definitions.

## Social Studies HW

Block E:

Due: Aug. 21, Fri.

Watch CNN students news from Aug 17-20. Choose one of the stories featured in the news. Make a summary and write it in the Read and Respond template - Summary part only.

## Math

Lesson this week: Irrational Numbers

## Science

Content: Body systems: digestion, circulation, respiration



Welcome to the SY 2015-2016! I hope that you and your family had a great summer break and are ready to start the year with renewed enthusiasm. Let's take a look at what to expect from Gr. 8 Learning Support.

We have a team of teachers to help support your child throughout the year in their core classes (English, Math, Social Studies, and Science): Kathryn Deveza (Teacher Assistant), Chrisanta Ely (Educational Assistant), and myself, Maricel San Agustin, Learning Support Teacher for Gr. 8.

We work as a team to help all students, but the Educational Assistant is mainly here to support the assigned student. Our team works closely with all of the Gr. 8 teachers to advocate and accommodate for your child's needs. We accomplish this by working in the core classrooms every day. Great pride is taken in finding the right balance in supporting their needs while challenging them academically on their level.

One of the most efficient ways of finding out what is happening in classes is to read the weekly newsletter that is posted on my blog, which is currently being updated. I will send you the link asap. You will find a short overview of what has been happening along with a look at what is coming up in each core curriculum class. I will also post resources that are helpful for that week. On the blog you will find the Homework Calendar that has homework posted on the day it is due. Many parents find this very helpful when their child comes home and says, "I don't have any homework" every night.



## Helpful Links:

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### Math Skills:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-eighth-grade-math>

### Digestive System:

<http://www.webmd.com/heartburn-gerd/your-digestive-system>

### How to Read and Respond in Social Studies:

<http://villanuevam.ism-online.org/category/social-studies-8/read-and-respond/>

### Literary Terms:

<http://www.literarydevices.com/>

Many students take the Strategies Instruction class (SI) to help support learning and develop skills. In SI we take time to help with organization, learning strategies, skills development, and task specific instruction. We do not use class time to complete homework. The class time is fully dedicated to improving and learning additional skills.

Anna Briones (the LS Secretary) or myself will be contacting you next month to setup a meeting to discuss Learning Support Plans for the year. I look forward to meeting you on August 27 during the Middle School Open House.

Sincerely,

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