

# Simi Valley Adventist School

## Grades 6-8

### Back-to-School

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#### **CURRICULUM**

##### *Bible*

- Learning how to have a relationship with Jesus
- Weekly Memory Verses
- Community Service (2hrs per week)
- Christian Leadership

##### *Computer*

- Computers will be integrated into the different subjects
- Keyboarding

##### *English*

- Writing proper sentences
- Proper use of spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization
- Writing research papers, daily journal assignments, writing across curriculum
- Use of daily planner

##### *Math*

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be learning the very basic beginnings of pre algebra
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will be learning pre algebra
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be doing pre algebra and learning algebra

##### *Music (Mr. Watkins)*

- Students will have Sabbath performances at the Simi Valley Adventist Church and are required to perform
- Christmas Program
- Other School Music Programs
- Part of Music Grade Based on Performances

##### *Reading*

- Appropriate grade level reading textbooks
- Monthly book reports. **Book report books need to be at school everyday.** Students may be asked at any time to tell about their book. Books read will be recorded in a log. Students may be asked to do an oral presentation. Book Report books must be approved. **No Harry Potter or books like Potter books allowed!!**
- Drop Everything And Read time given in class daily
- In-class literature books.

##### *Science*

- What Happened
- Plants and Ecology
- Challenges and Choices
- Active Atoms
- San Diego Overnight Trip (Sea World, and Zoo)

### *Social Studies*

- World History
- Geography of the World to include countries/capitols, major bodies of water, major cities, etc.
- **World Political** Current Events paper due weekly
- Create a Culture project

### *Physical Education*

- Fair play (sportsmanship)
- Calisthenics
- Team games
- Rules of team games (done in class)

### *Spelling*

- Appropriate grade level spelling words
- Weekly Spelling Tests

### *Art*

- Hands-on art in cross curriculum projects
- Art history

## **CLASSROOM POLICY**

### ***Communication***

A **letter** with upcoming events, tests and **grades** will be emailed, posted on the school's website and sent home (those without internet access) on **Fridays**. If for some reason I am unable to send grades, I will send a brief note instead. Grades will begin coming home after the second full week of school or second week of new quarter. A missing works list will be sent home weekly. **I will contact parents if a situation deems necessary.** To reach me, call the school (leave message at office): 583-1866, my cell until 7:00 PM: 236-2406, send a note to me in the morning, or **email me** (this is the best way): [tkripps@hotmail.com](mailto:tkripps@hotmail.com). Please do not ask me about class room related items (behavior, grades, letters, books, trips, etc.) during the Sabbath hours (Friday sundown to Saturday sundown).

### ***Rules***

- Respect God
- Respect all teachers and teachers aids
- Respect other students and yourself
- Respect school property and handbook

### *The Definition of Respect*

--v1. To feel or show honor for; think highly of; look up to. 2. To be thoughtful about; have regard for [to respect others' rights]. n1. A feeling of honor or polite regard. 2. Concern; consideration.

- Webster's Dictionary

For extra emphasis, I am putting this in writing so that there is no confusion. There is to be **no gum chewing at anytime on campus**, no jewelry (jewelry may be confiscated and returned at a later date), no drawing on desks (make sure you have plenty of paper), and no in-appropriate language (taking the name of the Lord in vain etc. This year, cell phones are not to be seen or heard. Cell phones may also be confiscated and returned at a later date. **ONE LAST ITEM, IF I AM NOT IN THE ROOM, YOU ARE NOT ON THE COMPUTER WITHOUT PERMISSION!**

### ***Discipline***

Four check marks a day may result in an infraction, a visit to the office or a phone call to a parent. Ten check marks a week may result in an infraction. No check marks in a week may result in extra credit toward the student's lowest grade or extra play time. Each offense will be documented.

### ***Homework***

Any work not completed during the school day is homework and due the next morning **at 8:30 AM** unless otherwise stated by teacher. First Quarter Late Work is -11%, Second Quarter Late Work is -21%, Third Quarter Late Work is -31% and Fourth Quarter Worker is -41% (Except for excused absences).

Students are to do their very best on assignments. Assignments not done satisfactorily or rushed may be returned to student to be redone. Any such assignment will then be docked as late work. This will continue all four quarters. So taking your time and answering questions thoroughly will save you time and help your grades in the long run.

### ***Grading Scale***

A	95-100%
A-	90-94%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	72-76%
C-	67-71%
D+	62-66%
D	57-61%
D-	53-56%
F	0-52%

### ***Classroom Procedures***

#### ***Morning***

Before entering the classroom, use the restroom

Enter the classroom quietly

Put lunch away and empty backpack

Sharpen pencils

If needed, fill water bottle

Sit as quickly and quietly as possible

**Read all of white board for instructions**

Begin morning work

Await further instructions quietly or read a book if finished with all other work

#### ***Any Other Time Then Morning***

Enter the classroom quietly

Make sure needed supplies are available (sharp pencil, water, etc.)

Sit as quickly and quietly as possible

Resume unfinished work

Await further instructions if you are finished with all other work

## Schedule

Students arriving between 7:00 and 8:00 need to be signed into extended care. Between 8:00 and 8:30, students need to be dropped off at the front of the school. Worship begins promptly at 8:30. Classes end at 3:15. Students are picked up in front of the school. If students need to be picked up early, please let the office and teacher know a day in advance so the student can be ready to go and meet you at front of the school. If you arrive after 3:30, your child can be picked up at the extended care room. A fee for extended care is charged. Please refer to the handbook for prices. On Fridays, classes end at 2:00. See below for **tentative daily class schedule**. This schedule is subject to change at anytime teacher deems necessary. Please note, computers as a class is not mentioned on the schedule, however, students will be using them integrated into other subjects.

Daily Schedule						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
8:30	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	8:30	Worship
8:45	Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible	8:45	Chapel
9:15	English	English	English	English	9:15	English
10:00	Science	Art	Science	Art	10:00	Math
10:50	Math	10:30-10:50 Spelling/HW 10:50 Math	Math	10:30-10:50 Spelling/HW 10:50 Math	11:00	Reading
11:50	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	11:50	Lunch
12:25	PE	PE	PE	PE	12:25	Science
12:55	History	History	History	History	12:55	Bible MV/Spelling Test/Study Time/Project Time
1:40	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	1:50	Clean-Up
2:45	Spelling/HW	Science	Music 2:15	Science	2:00	Dismiss
3:10	Clean-Up	Clean-Up		Clean-Up		
3:15	Dismiss	Dismiss	Dismiss	Dismiss		

## HOUSE KEEPING

- No one is to be on or at a computer unless they have my permission. **NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE IN COMPUTER AREA!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- No one is to go into any cupboards, drawers, or teacher area unless they have my permission.
- No eating or drinking (except water) during class. Food and beverages are to wait until lunch.
- Cheating, Lying, and Stealing of any kind is not tolerated at all period. An infraction may be given immediately. Work will not be accepted. All work is to be done by the student in the student's own writing (if written). Parents may help students, but giving answers is not necessarily helping. **Students may work together, but may not trade assignments, each question needs to be answered by all working together. Any assignments or answers "traded" may result in all students participating receiving an F and infraction for cheating.**
- Weekly jobs will be assigned.
- Please keep the class room cleaner than what your room looks like.