

## **Grading, Homework, & Late/Missing Work**

**Grading:** A variety of assessments over time will determine the student's grade. **Formative assessments** measure student learning in the course of a unit of study, and **summative assessments** measure learning at the conclusion of a unit of study. **Learning skills** will be monitored and recorded by the teacher. They include participation (asking questions, giving ideas, using feedback, and engaging in learning), and assignment completion (completing homework and class work). They will not figure in the student's academic grade.

**Late/Missing Work:** Each assignment will have a due date which will be indicated for each assignment. This is the date by which the student is expected to submit the assignment. Grades will drop one letter grade if the assignment is not turned in by the due date. The deadline is the last day an assignment will be accepted for a grade. The fifth grade team has set three days after the due date as the deadline for most assignments (weekend days are counted). In some cases, the due date and the deadline may be the same. Work not turned in by the deadline will be considered missing and will be recorded in the grade book as a 50% (E) according to MCPS policy.

**Retaking Formative Assessments:** Some assessments may be redone a second time. In order to "redo" an assessment, the student must have scored below a "C" (70%). The student is responsible for consulting with his/her teacher within three days of receiving the graded assessment to make arrangements for redoing that formative assessment.

**Homework:** Homework will be given for the following purposes: completion of assignments; quiz or test preparation; independent study; project research; completion of reports or special projects; designated assessments. Students will record their daily and long term homework in their assignment book (kept in front of their three-ring binder). All assignments are posted in the classroom.

**STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ALL ASSIGNMENTS BY THE DUE DATE!**