

# Schweinfurt Middle School

## Creative Thinking

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Grade

Ms. Maka - Room 219

Welcome to *Creative Thinking*, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8th grade Gifted Education program at Schweinfurt Middle School. The goal of this program centers on providing a differentiated curriculum to promote critical thinking, problem solving and effective communication for the gifted learner.

Grading Scale    90-100% =A 80-89%=B 70-79%=C 60-69%=D 59% - below=F

Total points will determine grades for this course. Class work, projects, research, in-class presentations, participation and homework will be among the various assessment measures used to determine grades. Parents will be notified if grades and/or behavior begins to change. You, your child and I will work to find solutions and ideas to enable your child to become a successful learner.

#### Classroom Expectations and Environment

1. Come to class prepared! That means you are ready to learn; you have your planner, notebook, textbook, pencil/pen and handouts.
2. Be respectful! This includes respecting the classroom, your classmates, the teacher, "guest" teachers (substitute teachers) and YOURSELF! You respect yourself by using your time wisely; taking advantages of the learning opportunities provided for you and for doing the best you can in every aspect of this class!
3. All class work will have the proper heading on it in the upper right hand corner
  - a. Name (first and last name please!)
  - b. Date
  - c. Block
4. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in their seat when the tardy bell rings.
5. During class listen carefully, raise your hand to ask questions or get assistance and do all work assigned.
6. At the end of class tidy your work area, return desks to proper place, put back supplies/books and be prepared for dismissal by Ms. Maka.
7. I am committed to providing my students with the best learning environment possible. This commitment is evident in my underlying beliefs that I communicate to students in my teaching and in everything that I do. Those beliefs are:

**YOU CAN DO IT!**

**THIS IS IMPORTANT!**

**I WON'T GIVE UP ON YOU!**

**Classroom Rules**

Use appropriate language.

Be respectful of the classroom, your peers, the teacher and yourself!

Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

Please do not hesitate to contact me! I look forward to having a *GREAT* year and sincerely hope that we can work as a team: student, parent and teacher to make it the *BEST* gifted education-learning experience yet!!!!

Ms. Sara Maka

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Parents and Student: Please read, sign and return the bottom portion of this paper

I have read and understand the following course description and classroom expectations for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Grade "Creative Thinking."

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_