



ILLING MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Illing Enrichment students:

Welcome back to a really exciting year at Illing! I am thrilled to be working with your child in our Enrichment program. This year we're continuing to focus on skills needed for students to develop a high-quality Essential Question (a main idea question) and specific research questions needed to create original, multi-curricular projects inspired by their questions. The heart of an authentic, in-depth, highly engaging research-based project is in learning how to ask thought-provoking, open-ended questions!

If your child is in 7th grade- welcome to Illing! Your child has been invited to continue participating in Manchester's C.O.R.E. program because of their successful completion of Mrs. Randazzo's program at Bennett last year. For 8th grade parents, your child has been invited back because of their success in our Enrichment program as a 7th grader. I can't wait to meet our 7th graders and see our returning 8th graders!

If you and your child decide to accept the invitation to participate in the Enrichment Program, here are essential program details you will need to know:

- Enrichment students will meet two times per week with me and the other enrichment students on their academic team. The Enrichment room is room 124 in the new back wing of the first floor, next to Mrs. Hilton's choir room. **Classes will begin on Monday, September 15, 2014.**
- Students will develop two creative products this year- one during the fall/winter and one during the spring. Both projects will be shown off during Showcase Nights- and I will send you those dates as soon as they are finalized.
- I will periodically post information for parents about our Enrichment projects, showcase dates, and themes and subject matter for each project on the Illing web site. We have a great Enrichment page, and within the next week I'll post the theme and criteria for our fall/winter research-based project. I'll also post the weekly Enrichment schedule so you can know which periods your child will be attending their team's Enrichment classes.
- It will be the responsibility of the Enrichment students to make up any work missed during the Enrichment periods at the discretion of their team teachers.
- Enrichment students will be responsible for maintaining a B average or higher in their regular classes during each grading period. Students who do not maintain this B average, fall behind in their regular classwork, fail to complete their Enrichment projects, or do not attend all Enrichment class meetings will have their participation in the Enrichment Program re-evaluated. I want every student to succeed and be proud of their amazing work. So if a student needs help getting back on track, we will set up meetings with you, the team leader, and myself to determine the best ways to help our students reach their full potential as Illing Enrichment students.



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- Students are not required to participate in the enrichment program. I would love for all students selected for the program to participate, but I understand that busy schedules or concerns about overloading students will be taken into consideration as well.

If you and your child decide to be a part of the Illing Enrichment Program (and I really hope you do!), please return the following contract signed by both you and your child to confirm that they are committed to participation and the responsibilities that come with being an Enrichment student. Contracts can also be faxed to me at Illing, if that is easier for you.

I'll need all contracts returned by **the week of October 6, 2014**. The contract lets me know that your child is committed to our program.

Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns about the Enrichment program at Illing:

Email: b25dlee@mpspride.org

Phone: 860-338-6203

Illing Fax #: 860-647-5008

We're going to have a great year! I'm excited to go on another amazing Enrichment adventure with our kids!

Sincerely,

David C. Lee

Illing Middle School Enrichment Teacher