Tips for Success in Seventh Grade

1. You must be organized.

2. You must learn to follow directions. For each assignment, read the directions. Then read them again. For good measure, read them a third time. If at that point you still don't understand the task, then you should raise your hand and ask your teacher for further explanation.

3. All of your teachers will have a daily routine – follow it. For my class, enter the room, copy the homework from the side board, and then follow the directions on the Smartboard.

4. Write (or type) a full heading on your paper BEFORE you start an assignment.

5. Learn to advocate for yourself. If you have a question or concern in one of your classes, speak to that teacher yourself. All of the teachers at Grand Avenue like children – we are not going to bite off your head if you ask us a question.

6. You must learn to follow directions. Yeah, I know it was #2, but it's that important.

7. Always be curious. You have the luxury of having access to a magical machine which contains all of the information in the universe – use it! When you are reading and you come upon something with which you are unfamiliar, look it up. A ten second Google search will help to increase your comprehension of the passage.

8. If you are handing in work and it contains more than one page, staple them together with ONE STAPLE at the TOP LEFT CORNER.

9. Try your hardest on everything you do. It should always be your goal to be the best at whatever it is that you're doing. People respect hard work.

10. Take advantage of extra help. It is basically free tutoring.

11. You must learn to follow directions. Seriously.

12. Start using pens. Pencils are for crosswords and elementary school.

13. Don't use an absence as an excuse to fall behind. Most of your teachers are going to have a class website with the day's work. Unless you are really bedridden and incapable of moving, stay on top of your work.

14. There is always a back to the handout (except this one ☺).

WORK HARD AND BE NICE TO PEOPLE