August 14, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Brooks County Middle School will continue to use an online vocabulary curriculum called Membean that all the students will use as a part of their ELA classes. Membean is an online program designed to engage students in a variety of learning methods. In addition, the vocabulary words are designed to fit the needs of each individual student.

**Membean Benefits**

Before beginning to study online with Membean, they were asked to calibrate the system to allow Membean to identify their current vocabulary levels. Once their vocabulary levels were identified, Membean selects vocabulary words for them. Each student generally has different words catered to their vocabulary levels. As they gain proficiency with their initial words, Membean will add new words. By the end of the year, each student should have increased their vocabulary levels. Brooks County Middle School is planning on using Membean in years to come. In the long run, adding new vocabulary words will help the students on end of the year assessments and high school assessments going forward.

**Membean & Language Arts Grade:**

A variety of grades will be pulled from Membean. Each week I will pull a report to see who completed the required amount of time spent online studying. All students are required to spend a minimum of 45 minutes online studying. The recommended time allotment is 3 days with 15 minutes per day. The grade for their weekly minutes will be a daily grade. In addition, students will take online quizzes every other week. At the end of the 9 weeks, the students will take a vocabulary test as well.

Please review your child’s Membean requirements with him/her and return the bottom portion of the letter to me as soon as possible. To meet the vocabulary goals for each 9-weeks and to improve vocabulary levels, please encourage your child to study online at least 45 minutes each week.

Thanks,

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I have read this letter, and I am aware of the Membean requirements for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Membean requirements:**

* Weekly homework grades for time spent studying online. A minimum of 45 minutes spent studying online (3 15 minute sessions preferably) each week
* Vocabulary quizzes every other week
* A vocabulary test at the end of each 9 weeks

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Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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