DJHS Homeroom Information

Welcome,

Your child has been assigned to my homeroom. Homeroom will be run for the first 20 minutes of every day.

My name is Tina Sharkey, and I teach 8th grade language arts and social studies. This is my eleventh year at DJHS, and my 25th in the school district. I have 3 children who have been through the junior high as well.

Since homeroom is new to our building this year due to budget cuts and the loss of the block schedule, I thought I’d give you information about what homeroom will look like versus seminar.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Announcements will be done the first 5 minutes of each homeroom.**

Monday-Writing Prompt/Six-Minute Solution

Tuesday-Independent Reading Day

Wednesday-Writing Prompt/Six-Minute Solution

Thursday-Independent Reading Day

Friday-Teacher Chosen Activity (study skill or character building activity)

\*\*We are working at getting the library open for book exchanges on several of the days. The exact dates are not known at this time.

Six-Minute Solution is a reading fluency program that DJHS has purchased to improve our students’ fluency and reading levels. This program will begin the first week of October. The Writing Prompt is a 15 minute writing program of writing/reflecting on content writing from Math, Social Studies, Science, or Language Arts. **The entire school will be doing both of these programs.**

**NO HOMEWORK** will be done in homeroom which is a HUGE change for the 8th graders especially. Talk to your child about how much they used seminar last year for homework completion, and adjust their at home work schedule to compensate for this lost time.

**HAVE TO HAVE ITEMS FOR HOMEROOM—**bring planner every day (for information from announcements, etc.), a book to read every day (Social Studies novels when assigned), and a pencil.

We will have alternate schedules at times when I will have the homeroom students for longer lengths of time. Examples include MEAP testing, C-Day schedules, and Homeroom Olympics.

Students will receive a pass/fail grade for homeroom based on participation in activities and bringing materials to homeroom.

If you have any questions about homeroom, feel free to contact me at [sharkeyt@dewittschools.net](mailto:sharkeyt@dewittschools.net).

**\*\*Please sign this letter below and return by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for 10 points toward your student’s homeroom grade.**

Sincerely,