**Mrs. Looney**

**2014-2015**

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Go to the Scio Central School website

and click on the middle school tab for Mrs. Looney’s website.

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**Contact information:**

Parent/teacher communication is of utmost importance. Please feel free to contact your child’s teachers if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together.

**Grading Procedures**:

Social Studies and Writing

* Tests, projects, homework, participation, preparedness, quality of work: 100%

**\*\*\*Each student has been assigned a username and password in order to be able to access grades from the PowerSchool Gradebook. If possible, please check your child’s grades and missing assignments on a weekly basis. It is highly recommended that each student checks his or her grades and missing assignments on a daily basis. (Students are able to check their grades and assignments at school.) It is the student’s responsibility to go to their teacher to ask about missing assignments and to make up missing assignments.**

**\*\*\*Mrs. Looney will send home printouts of grade sheets to students who are failing and/or students who have missing assignments. It is my hope to send out the grade sheets on Thursdays, to be signed and returned by Friday. Please look in your child’s agenda each Thursday to see if your child owes work or is failing. Mrs. Looney will staple the grade sheet into the students’ agendas each Thursday.**

**HOMEWORK:**

* Homework is assigned to reinforce what is learned in class. If a parent or student has any questions about an assignment, please contact Mrs. Looney as soon as possible. Mrs. Looney check’s her email until about 8:00 each evening and will respond to your question as quickly as possible.
* Homework will be assigned several times a week and is expected to be completed by the following morning. Five points will be deducted for each day that an assignment is late and missing. An after-school detention will be assigned after the third assignment that is missing. A “0” is earned for each missing assignment.
* If a student is absent from class because of band, illness, or another reason, it is the student’s responsibility to see the teacher for any materials or assignments that are missing. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE POWERSCHOOL GRADEBOOK FOR ANY MISSING ASSIGNMENTS AND MRS. LOONEY’S WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS TO MISSING ASSIGNMENTS.
* In order for Mrs. Looney to know where a student is located in the building, it is extremely important to check in with Mrs. Looney before going to band lessons (and if possible, before going to the nurse). It is the student’s responsibility to get the information and assignments that will have been missed.
* Please check your child’s agenda each evening to support your child with homework and to help your child study for tests or quizzes. Please sign your child’s agenda each evening. A GRADE OF 100 POINTS WILL BE EARNED TWICE A QUARTER FOR HAVING THE AGENDA SIGNED BY AN ADULT WHO IS OVERSEEING THE STUDENT’S HOMEWORK. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY MUST BE SIGNED. TWO RANDOM WEEKS WILL BE CHOSEN FOR AN EXTRA CREDIT GRADE.
* Please check Mrs. Looney’s website for classwork and homework assignments, projects, study guides, and suggestions. Every effort is made to keep the website as up-to-date as possible. **www.mrslooney.weebly.com**

**PREPAREDNESS**:

* Each student is expected to be on time and prepared for each class.
* Each student is expected to have their **agenda**, **notebook, homework, textbook, binder, and sharpened pencils** for each class BEFORE THE BELL RINGS. 100 points will be earned each week for having your homework and all your supplies. 20 points will be deducted each day that a student is not prepared.

**QUALITY OF WORK:**

* Provide a heading on all assignments. The heading should include the student’s first and last name, date, and name of assignment.
* Holes on the paper are to be on the LEFT.
* Neatest writing and presentation is expected at all times.
* Writing is expected to be in complete sentences.
* When answering questions, the question should be restated in the answer.
* Correct spelling, use of capital letters, indentation of paragraphs, and correct punctuation is expected at all times.
* **Work not meeting these standards may be returned to be completed properly.**
* Plagiarism (copying other people’s words) is not tolerated and will result in a “0” grade for the assignment and an after school detention. Copying any part of an essay or a homework assignment from a textbook or the Internet is not acceptable.

**TESTS**:

* Social Studies tests will be given throughout the school year. An ample amount of notice will be given to students in order for them to study for the tests. Check Mrs. Looney’s website for test review sheets and PowerPoints that contain notes. STUDYING THE REVIEW SHEETS ARE CRITICAL TO ENSURING STUDENT SUCCESS!

**Expectations Contract:**

The purpose of this contract is to help ensure the success of each and every student. It is Mrs. Looney’s hope that this contract is a reminder the we all need to work together to do what it takes for each of us to reach our goals.

Students: Please keep these expectations in a special place at home to refer to them when needed.

Please read these expectations together, sign this agreement and return it tomorrow.

Let’s have a fantastic year together.

Students:

* I agree to the expectations listed above and will do what it takes, to the best of my ability, to follow these expectations.
* I will respect myself, the adults in my life, my classmates, my school, and my community.
* I will take responsibility for my success.
* I will be prepared.
* I will complete all of my assignments to the very best of my ability.
* I will go the extra mile.

**Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Teacher Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**