

Hello Parents and Students!

My name is Mrs. Kimberly Miller. I am the 8th grade Humanities teacher and the 6th/7th/8th GATE teacher. This is my 13th year at Robins as a middle school teacher and my 24th year of teaching in Tucson Unified. I am a mom to two girls (Kayla, age 21 and Brianna, age 17), stepmom (Christian, age 22), and fur mom to Remy the Brittany Spaniel, and Gemma the Pyrapoo (Great Pyrenees/Poodle). My husband and I like to camp and take road trips throughout the country.

Since technology has now been incorporated into our teaching, we will be using Microsoft Teams to submit most of our assignments. I will also be able to supply our textbooks online as well so that students will not need to have a textbook at home or in their backpack.

Humanities is a combination of Social Studies and Language Arts. I often blend the two contents together. TUSD follows the curriculum established by the Department of Education. Below is a link to see the objectives that I use to teach your child.

<http://curriculum.tusd1.org/Portals/TUSD1/Curriculum/docs/ela5/ELA8CM.pdf>

<http://curriculum.tusd1.org/Portals/TUSD1/Curriculum/docs/ss5/SS8CM.pdf>

GATE will be a project-based class. We will have topics that we discuss, and students will be researching and presenting their research in a multimedia fashion.

As far as communication, I truly believe that you and I working together will ensure your child a successful school year. I will send emails updating you about your child and their progress. You can see your child's progress by going to ParentVue. I update grades often. If you ever have any questions, the best way to reach out to me is email. My e-mail is Kimberly.miller@tusd1.org.

The image shows the Remind app logo, which consists of a blue square with a white speech bubble icon and the word "remind" in white lowercase letters.

One of the most useful apps that I have found for communication with students and parents is called Remind. I am asking that you AND your child download the app and join my class. This app allows me to send out mass announcements that go directly to your phone, but also allows for private messaging between student and teacher and parent and teacher. Students can not message each other on the app. We often just have a quick question that can be answered, and this allows me to be available to parents and students without giving out my personal information. Students and parents appreciate my availability since it is such an easy way to communicate.

If you are in my 8th grade Humanities class, the code to join my class is @robins2023

If you are in my GATE class, the code to join my class is @robinsgate

Grading- Grades will be displayed on Synergy. The following is the grading guideline for each category:

Classwork- 25%

Assessments- 25%

Projects- 25%

Homework- 15%

Participation- 10%

If students have not completed an assignment, it will be listed as "Missing" in Synergy. Synergy (Parentvue and studentvue) is the best way for parents to be informed as to how well a student is doing in class.

Please let me know if you have any questions! Thank you for sharing your child with me.

Kim Miller

Middle School Supply List

Students:

Pencils/Pens

1 USB

7th/8th grade- Scientific calculator (TI-30X IIS recommended)

Composition book for each class

Folder for each class

Highlighter

Reusable Water Bottle

Backpack

Headphones that plug into computer

Teachers:

Sanitizer

Cleaning wipes

Copy paper

Tissue/Kleenex

Lined paper

PENCILS