



## **South Middle School**

South Middle School continues to work to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. We believe that all students should be provided the best educational opportunities possible so they can become successful and productive citizens. Our students have the opportunity to participate in student-centered activities such as clubs, rotating class schedules, academic assistance during the school day, literacy time during the school day, experiences in related arts, one to one technology, and a rigorous academic program.

South Middle School's mission is "Preparing Students to Succeed". One of our foundations that enables us to prepare students for success is our family atmosphere. Our staff follows the middle school team model and they go out their way to make sure our students have what they need. Our school motto this year is "We are SOUTH", with SOUTH being an acronym for Seen, Open, Unique, Thinkers, and Home.

This year one of our focuses has been on literacy and the workshop model teaching structure. We have purchased classroom libraries for all core classes in both fiction and non-fiction with a wide variety of titles for student to choose from. We believe that student choice has a significant impact on the students' progression in literacy.

The 2020-21 school year was a challenge for all involved due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Our students, staff, and parents rose to the challenge to provide a quality education through various delivery formats while working to keep everyone safe. We provided synchronous instruction through the Google virtual platform and through face-to-face interaction with students in a modified basis. Chromebooks were given to every student to take home and hot spots were provided by the State and district to assist those who had limited to no connectivity at home.

South Middle School is a diverse school that believes that all students are capable of reaching their full potential and we continuously look to think "outside of the box" to provide our students with the best opportunities to reach their goals.