



Great Meadows Middle School
Jaguars



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Parents/Guardians,

Hello, I hope this letter finds you well. Our school year is off to a great start, and our students are working hard to achieve success. To help our students in their efforts to excel academically, we will be making adjustments to a few activities occurring during SMART time. SMART time is the last period of the day in which students are provided extra help, remedial instruction or enrichment based on their academic performance and individual needs. Several other activities occur during SMART time such as chorus, instrumental music, art GATE and GATE. Core academics are a priority. Students experiencing any academic difficulty, measured through class/subject performance, benchmark assessments and standardized tests will be limited to **one** activity during SMART time. Any student scoring below proficiency will have to choose between instrumental music, chorus, Art GATE and GATE. The activities students are engaged in during SMART time are critical in helping students meet national and state standards, as well as helping students to have a successful year. Students having to pick between the **four** activities due to academic risk will be assessed regularly and given opportunities at the end of each marking period to show they are meeting standards and are attaining adequate academic performance.

I thank you in advance for your understanding, help and support, and hope to make this year one of the best for your child at Great Meadows Middle School.

Sincerely,

Israel Marmolejos Jr.