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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Water Community, Math and Science room! My name is Doug Sheridan (Mr. Doug), and am the Water Community's (also called Community 200) math and science content guide. If I am listed first on your (or your student's) class schedule, I will also be your homeroom teacher. Be sure to check out the quick-links on the back for more in-depth information!

About Me

This will be my fourth full year teaching Montessori Math and Science, but I have been a Montessori dad for 14 plus years. I have four children – a son who is a senior at NC State, a daughter who is a recent Williams Alumni and soon-to-be Appalachian freshman, a 12-year-old here at Williams, and a 5 year old son at Chantilly Montessori. You will see my wife of over 25 years serving in the PTSO- please join the PTSO and make me look good. Prior to my calling as a teacher, I owned an electrical and HVAC contracting company for more than a decade. I am honored to now be a part of the Williams Secondary Montessori program in CMS.

Classwork and Homework

Middle School math and science use a Flipped Classroom. Students are introduced to the topic first as an interactive video for homework. Yes, **there will be homework every night**, except Fridays. The videos are about 10 minutes long but with the built in questions, they should take about a half hour. Completing these videos at home is critical and prevents the student from falling behind in class. The following day at during our meeting they will get a small group lesson (if needed) and work on practice work in class. This allows them to ask for clarification with a teacher or peers. All the lessons are available through Canvas and will be accessed through a free website (and phone App) called EdPuzzle. There the student can work ahead or review past lessons as they choose. Parents can also look on Canvas and EdPuzzle to see how much time their child is spending on homework.

Student progress is tracked through [PowerSchool](#). Parents and students can log in to PowerSchool beginning a few weeks into school to see assignments, grades, missing work, etc. Plan to make it a routine to check PowerSchool together and discuss your student's progress. I have PowerSchool set to email my children's grades to me every week.

Field Experiences

Due to Covid-19 state mandates, this section is under construction. We are creating awesome virtual field trips and postponing others. Be on the look-out for information coming soon!

Permissions slips for all field experiences will be sent home with your child as well as posted on the Middle School website. All field experience fees should be paid through the [Online School Payments portal](#).

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Communication

Students and parents are encouraged to sign up for the class Remind text service. If you or your child is in my homeroom, please text @mrdoug202 to 81010 or, if you or your child is in Ms. Shelley's class, please text @mrdoug201 to 81010. Remind is used to contact students and parents for whole class announcements like snow days or field trip reminders.

In Middle School, adolescents are continuing their journey towards independence and adulthood. Even though they may not excel at this yet, we must encourage constant and consistent use of growth in the areas of independence and self-motivation. Therefore, we encourage you to discuss all questions or concerns you have directly with your student. Encourage them to find the answers with a careful review of the school webpage or class Weebly. Encourage them to self-advocate when they don't have answers. If they cannot find the answers, please have your child contact me at douglasf.sheridan@cms.k12.nc.us.

Feel free to email me anytime at Douglasf.Sheridan@cms.k12.nc.us

-Mr. Doug (Sheridan)

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Links

Flipped Classroom Primer Video for parents <https://bit.ly/FlippedClassroom101>

Top 15 things Your Middle School Kid Wishes you knew

<https://bit.ly/15ThingsThatMSKidsWish>

Monthly Montessori Parenting articles <https://bit.ly/MonthlyMontessoriParentingArticles>

Register or login to PowerSchool: <https://cms.powerschool.com/public/>

Parent Canvas Account Creation directions <https://bit.ly/ParentCanvasAccountDirections>

PowerSchool FAQs <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/parents/ParentAssistant/Pages/FAQ.aspx>)

Online School Payments: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/cms/>

Middle school supply list: <https://bit.ly/WilliamsSupplyListMS2020PlanB>

Remind: Mr. Doug's homeroom remind.com/join/mrdoug202

Ms. Shelley's homeroom remind.com/join/mrdoug201