**How to Succeed in**

**Family & Consumer Sciences**

Course Overview

Welcome to Family & Consumer Sciences! FACS is the place where you’ll learn, practice, and perfect all kinds of useful life skills that you can use now - and forever. (FACS is the cool short name for Family & Consumer Sciences.) We offer programming for 6th, 7th, and 8thgrade students, and in this class you’ll work with a team, partner, or sometimes by yourself, in a hands-on lab setting. You’ll learn to sparkle in an interview, problem solve a stuck sewing machine, strategize to save money, communicate (with flair!) so others can understand you, plan and lead a team in the food lab, and explore sustainable practices to help preserve our planet. Ultimately, in FACS you’ll take part in authentic (real life!) learning experiences that help develop flexibility, humor, and the management skills that we all need to navigate life’s challenges.

Student Expectations

**1.  BE SAFE**

* Use self-space awareness while moving in the classroom.
* Use self-space awareness while sitting at your desk.

**2.  BE RESPECTFUL**

* Follow teacher’s expectations and guidelines.
* Be kind to one another.
* Use appropriate language.
* Follow teacher’s voice level direction.
* REMEMBER, NO CELL PHONES!

**3.  BE RESPONSIBLE**

* Arrive on time.
* Bring appropriate materials.
* Follow classroom instruction.
* Complete and hand in all required classwork by the due date.
* Use and maintain classroom resources appropriately.

(Hint: The students who do best in my class are the ones who submit their *best* work, use good listening skills, raise their hand to talk, come to class on time and remember to hand in their homework.)

Required Materials

1. A pocket folder – to hold important papers and homework
2. Pen and/or pencil – I don’t care which you choose to use as long as it’s not glitter or highlighter.
3. Agenda book

Contact Information

Parents, if you have any questions or concerns, you may email me at: jvorsta1@dryden.k12.ny.us or you can call me at (607) 844-8694, ext. 4253.

Mrs. Janet Vorstadt

Student Signature        \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature          \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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