Dear Parents,

I am trying something new this year to better communicate with parents and students about what we are learning in class.  This is completely voluntary, but I want to keep you up to date with anything that is going on including what content your child is learning about, news, and test/important date reminders.  You can also add your child to receive these messages as well on the website.  I will NOT blow-up your cell phone or email with non-stop messaging.

Since this is my first year using this, I will apologize in advance for any growing pains.  It should only take a few times of using this to see if there are any kinks to be worked out.  I do appreciate your understanding in advance.

**I would highly encourage you to sign up because this will be the main way for me to keep you informed throughout the year (I also send out messages via Skyward, so please make sure you have gone by the front office to sign up for access).**

**Link:**[**https://www.remind.com/join**](http://www.remind.com/join)
**MY CODE IS: @mrrappap**
**MY REMIND.COM PHONE NUMBER TO RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS IS - 321-234-0032**

**Link:**[**Remind.com Frequently Asked Questions**](https://remind101.zendesk.com/hc/en-us) **-** [**https://remind101.zendesk.com/hc/en-us**](https://remind101.zendesk.com/hc/en-us)

**What is Remind.com?** Remind is a **free**communication platform built for teachers. This product enables me to safely and efficiently interact with students and parents about important information relating to the classroom and school activities. Remind is safe and easy because teachers can engage students and parents without needing to upload cell phone numbers and without having to give their personal phone numbers out.

Remind has already been adopted by more than 15% of the entire K-12 teacher population in the United States and we're growing quickly.

**Does someone need a smartphone to use Remind?** No, a smartphone is not necessary to send or receive Remind messages. However, you must be able to receive texts. If you cannot receive texts you can sign up to receive Remind notifications by email. Teachers can send messages via the website by logging into their account at www.remind.com. Teachers who would like to send Remind messages via a mobile device, will need to use the Remind iOS or Android app on a smartphone or tablet.

**Getting Started:** Great!  You will need your teacher's @code to subscribe! **- MY CODE IS: @mrrappap**Once you know your teacher's @code, you can use this Join page to sign up for Remind messages:
[https://www.remind.com/join](http://www.remind.com/join)
(You can also now download the [iOS app](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/remind-safe-classroom-communication/id522826277?mt=8) or [Android app](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.remind101&hl=en) to quickly create a Student or Parent account and join classes quickly.)

To sign up for text alerts, you will text the @code to the Remind phone number. My code is **@mrrappap** and **MY REMIND.COM PHONE NUMBER TO RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS IS - 321-234-0032**

**How do I get messages by email, instead of by text?**

All you have to do is send a blank email to your\_class\_code@mail.remind.com. So if, for example, your class code was "math" you would send a blank email to: math@mail.remind.com

If you have any questions, this information is on my website at [www.greenwoodlakessocialstudies.weebly.com](http://www.greenwoodlakessocialstudies.weebly.com) and my school email is Andrew\_rappaport@scps.k12.fl.us

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