WELCOME TO AIM!

You have chosen to be a member of Garner’s AIM elective class. The purpose of AIM is to provide you with the time and guidance to grow and develop both academically as a learner and socially as a member of your community. Your AIM teacher will help you review your class grades and set up a plan for you to be academically successful this school year.

Course Topics: College and workforce readiness skills, character education, leadership skills, study skills, organizational skills, goal-setting, and academic enrichment in reading, writing, and math.

You have three simple responsibilities each day in AIM:
1. When you arrive to class, set yourself up for success (sit in your assigned spot and have all materials).
2. Actively participate in all class activities.
3. Treat all people and materials with respect.

How will you be graded in AIM?

You will receive two grades per week in AIM.
- The first will be the average of all daily grades you receive for the week.
- The second will be for turning in your completed weekly grading rubric.
What materials will I need to bring daily for AIM?

- Agenda Book
- **Spiral Notebook** (need by Aug. 22nd)
- Your school binder with all required supplies (dividers, pencils, pencil pouch, etc.)
- Homework from all classes
- A book

**Daily Grades**

**Mondays:** Goal-writing, rubric setup for the week, individual grade checks, time for binder organization

**Tuesdays:** Reading (audio books or physical copies as a class), writing and/or editing

**Wednesdays:** Various life skills or character building lessons

**Thursdays:** Quick Writing & Editing

**Fridays:** Weekly reflection, Current Events with CNN Student News OR audio book time, Team-Building/Games

- Each day, you will have time allotted during the second half of class for completing any homework, or reading a book. You MUST do one or the other. Come to class prepared!

With your hard work and your AIM teacher’s support, you will have all the tools you need to have a successful 6th grade year at Garner Middle School!!
What is CNN Student News?

Explaining global news to a global audience: This is the mission of CNN 10, a new, 10-minute news show that appears as a daily digital video on CNN.com. CNN 10, or, CNN Student News more effectively serves a growing audience interested in compact on-demand news broadcasts ideal for explanation seekers on the go or in the classroom. The show's priority is to identify stories of international significance and then clearly describe why they're making news, who is affected, and how the events fit into a complex, international society. Viewers will learn from every story on CNN 10. The show maintains a neutral position on controversial topics. It seeks to provide multiple viewpoints, clear illustrations, and general overviews instead of graphic descriptions.

Where can I find CNN 10?

You can see it as a streamed video or download it as a free podcast, both available on their website.

How do I get advance information about each day's show?

The Daily Email offers information on the major stories they will be covering that day. You can also check the Daily Transcript to see what stories are in the show. Remember that CNN 10 is a news program that presents current events and issues in the real world, and is geared towards middle and high school students.

(please cut on the line and return by Friday, Aug. 23rd)

Student Name: ________________________________

___ I give my child permission to view CNN Student News on Fridays.

___ I do not give my child permission to view CNN Student News on Fridays, and would prefer my child to use this allotted time as a study hall.

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________