# **About Ms. Russell**

I am Michelle Russell. I have been teaching at Carter for four years. Prior to teaching at Carter I taught resource room at Angus Elementary School and second grade at Siersma Elementary School. I grew up in Troy and attended Michigan State University for my teaching degree. I currently live in Royal Oak. When I am not teaching, I enjoy reading, going for runs, spending time outdoors, and going to MSU football games! I am looking forward to a great school year!



# **Contact Information**

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# 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA & Corrective Reading



**CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** 

# **Resource Support Center(RSC)**

- Special education students have access to support in their general education classes in room 307, 309 and 310.
- Students should receive instruction in their general education class before coming down for help.
- -This is a place for serious learners. Students who are not serious will be sent back to their classrooms.

# What is Corrective Reading?

Corrective Reading is a program designed to improve reading accuracy and fluency skills for children who are reading below grade level. This is a scripted program with carefully planned lessons that reinforce letter sounds and promote reading fluency.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts

This year students will be engaged in numerous reading and writing activities tailored to their ability level and individual needs.

#### **Grading**

Parents are encouraged to follow progress via Parent Portal which can be accessed online. Grades will be updated weekly. If you have a concern please feel free to email or call me. Students are graded using the district grading policy. Class work is worth 20% and assessments are worth 80% of a student's grade.

# **Class Expectations**

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and prepared. Carter has a 3-5-7 tardy policy that will be enforced. After the third tardy students will be reminded to get to class on time. After the fifth tardy students will receive a written assignment to complete. After the seventh tardy students will be given a written referral to the vice principal to discuss the issue.

Students are also expected to be respectful, responsible, and resourceful in the classroom. If students are unable to follow the student code of conduct parent contact will be made and a possible referral to the principal depending on the severity of the issue.

#### **Supplies**

Students are expected to come to class prepared. They need to bring the following everyday:

- o pencils
- o agenda
- o ID

Students will need their ID and agenda to leave the classroom during class.

# **Cell Phone Use**

The classroom is designated as a red zone. Students should not be on their cell phones. If students are using their cell phones inappropriately it will be confiscated for 24 hours and will require a parent meeting with the principal to get it returned.

### Homework

- Please establish a quiet, organized area for your child to complete their homework.
- Read each night
- Check Parent Portal for student grades <a href="http://www.wcskids.net/parentp">http://www.wcskids.net/parentp</a> ortal/