

# What Students Can Do To Improve

- **Be Prepared-** Come to class with a pen, paper, homework, and a good attitude.
- **Attendance-** Almost all students struggling to pass also have multiple absences/tardies. If a student does miss a class, he/she should request missing work before/after class or during lunch in order to catch up.
- **Make up missed work-** Students should be certain to ask before or after class about any missed work they owe due to absences. Interim Reports show missed work that is past due.
- **Homework-**
  - **Nightly Reading-** Students should read for 20 minutes every night. They have a Reading Log that they are asked to record the title, author, a brief summary of what they read, and a signature from a parent/guardian.
  - **Vocabulary Sentences-** Each week students are given a list of ten vocabulary words. They are required to write one sentence for each vocabulary word, using it correctly in that sentence.
  - **Study-** Review vocabulary and notes for class quizzes and tests.
- **Complete Projects-** Class projects are a large percentage of a student's grade; not completing them greatly hurts his/her average.
- **Vocabulary Quizzes-** Any student unsatisfied with a vocabulary quiz grade is encouraged to write out the missed words with its definition and two sentences using the word correctly. After completing this, half of the missed quiz points will be added to the original score and the student can also retake the quiz if he/she so desires. Only a better grade on the retest will be counted.
- **Ask For Help-** I am more than willing to work with any student interested in putting forth the effort to improve his/her grades. Students can arrange for extra help during study hall, lunch, and after school. Parents and students are also encouraged to contact me via email at [daniel.brace@rcsdk12.org](mailto:daniel.brace@rcsdk12.org) with questions. Communication is our best resource towards success.