

JUNIOR HIGH MATH

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Coming to Class: Everyone is expected to have their notebook, folder, planner, and a pencil in class every day. Students should be in their seat ready to start class when the bell rings. Once the bell rings, students should have their notebook open, their work out from the day before, and a pencil ready before beginning our daily math problem.

Math Folder & Notebook: We will clean out our math folders throughout the year. UNTIL STUDENTS ARE TOLD BY ME TO CLEAN OUT THEIR MATH FOLDER OR NOTEBOOK, ALL PAPERS, NOTES, ETC SHOULD REMAIN IN THE FOLDER. Please feel free to take your folder home to show your family, but papers are to remain in the folder until we clean them out.

Notes: Students will be required to take notes in math class. They are a great resource when doing work both in and outside of class. Notes will include vocabulary, steps for solving problems, and several examples.

Homework Grading: When grading homework, I typically use a 10-point scale. The number correct will be divided by the total number of problems. This will give me a percent and I will use the percent to find a decimal between 0 and 10. This decimal will be the score for that assignment. We will review this as well as how to calculate grades at the beginning of the year.

Example: Adam correctly answered 17 out of 20 homework problems. Divide 17 by 20 to get 0.85 or 85%. This will give Adam a score of 8.5 out of 10 points for the homework assignment.

Homework: I expect all homework to be done and in class the day it is due. I understand that students may have questions so they may not be able to finish all of the problems on their own. I am asking that each student try his or her best and give a valid effort for each problem. Students should make an effort to come in (before or after school or during study hall) if they need help so that their homework can be completed. I will not accept a blank homework assignment as a valid effort. Late homework assignments earn lower scores.

Each time a student does not have their work done at the beginning of math class, they will come in for noon hour study hall to complete it. If this becomes a habit, I may contact parents and give detentions. Zeros will be given if no assignment is turned in.

Showing Work: In order to receive full credit, students must show all of their work on assignments, test, quizzes, and projects.

Corrections: All homework, tests, and quizzes may be corrected to raise a score. Corrections must be made in pencil on the back of the assignment or on a separate sheet of paper. DO NOT ALTER THE ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT OR TEST/QUIZ. Students will have up to one week to correct an assignment. Once a nine-week period has ended, corrections may not be made on tasks from that quarter.

Overall Grade: The following areas will be taken into consideration when figuring grades: tests and quizzes, homework, in-class work/activities, projects, notes, and participation.

Citizenship: I use a rubric to give citizenship scores. We will go over the rubric and it is posted in my classroom as well as on my website.

Absences: If you know in advance that you will be missing class, ask for your homework before hand. If it is an unplanned absence, you are still responsible for asking for your work. This should be done at the beginning of class or during noon hour study hall. All makeup work should be completed within a reasonable amount of time. For example, if you are gone one day, you have one day to make up your missed work.

Calculators: Students do not need a calculator for math. Most of the time, students will not be allowed to use calculators on in-class work, homework, quizzes, and tests. If there comes a time when calculators are necessary, I have plenty for students to use. Calculators should not be used outside of class to complete homework.

Math Money: Students will have the opportunity to earn math money (grades, participation, classroom job, etc). Students are responsible for updating their balance sheet. Money may be spent once a month on SIP days. Students must keep a minimum of \$10 in their account for fines. Fines may be given for late/missing homework, excessive passes from class, and poor behavior.

Remind App: I use *Remind*, a free app, to send information and reminders to parents. I will send notes about homework, tests and quizzes, items your student needs to bring to class, and special activities going on in our classroom. I intend to send reminders several times per week. My goal is to create conversation about math between you and your student.

Website: Please visit the website I have created for our math classes to see what we are working on as well as to learn more about what we will cover this year. I also post a problem of the week that can be answered for math money.
(<http://mathwithmrsstanley.weebly.com/>)

Getting Help: I am available for extra help before and after school and throughout the day. Please feel free to come in and see me at anytime. I am here to help you. I want you to be successful, and I want you to enjoy math. If you have questions or need help, please come see me. If you don't speak up, I don't always know what you need.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Email (optional)

*This letter is to stay in your math folder throughout the year. Please feel free to refer back to it as necessary.