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Welcome to 8th Grade Math!!

What do I bring to class?

- Required Supplies (Bring EVERYDAY!)
- Math Book
- 2" Math binder with paper. This binder should be used for **math only**.
- Perforated notebook or loose leaf paper for math binder.
- Pencils & Erasers
- Red Pen or color pens for checking
- Reinforcements
- Scientific Calculator— Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS
- Please use a JUMBO size book cover to cover the book, other size covers will not fit the book and will break the binding.
- Kleenex to share with class
- Scissors, ruler for use at home

Together we will have a great year becoming better problem solvers, sharpening our basic skills, and learning many new concepts. Math 8 is a Pre-Algebra course. Some topics we will cover are number relationships, algebraic expressions, linear equations, ratios and proportions, slope, the Pythagorean theorem, two and three dimensional figures. The goal is to make math understandable, interesting and FUN for you. I want you to look at math with an open mind, and see it as more than just add, subtract, multiply, divide.

This syllabus will answer many of your questions about how this class works, what you need to bring to class, how you'll be graded, and just some general classroom procedures that will make the class run smoothly. **Please read through it with your parents, and bring it back signed no later than Tuesday September 10, 2013**

Math Binder Counts as a Quiz Grade !

All students are to keep a math binder. This binder counts as a quiz grade at the end of each quarter. Papers for each chapter should be kept in the binder (in chronological order according to date), and the binder should be brought to class each day with your textbook and supplies. The binder will be collected at the end of each card marking. Check my web-site. Binders are to be in order according to my web-site.

Text Book Information.

Each student can access the textbook online. www.glencoe.com This will take you to all materi-als including the online textbook. www.glencoe.com/ose

From Brownell Web-site, go to Students, select Online Books and then go to the top of the browser screen and click on SIGN IN and use school ID and password.

Pinnacle Grading:
(How is my child doing in math? Parents should check Pinnacle)
Tests, quizzes, homework and Math binder will determine the grade you have earned.

Grading Scale

99	–	100	A+
93	–	98	A
90	–	92	A–
88	–	89	B+
83	–	87	B
80	–	82	B–
78	–	79	C+
73	–	77	C
70	–	72	C–
68	–	69	D+
63	–	67	D
60	–	62	D–
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Miscellaneous Information

- Assignments, quizzes and tests **MUST** be completed in **PENCIL**. No credit given if done in pen.
- Late papers will NOT be accepted but are expected to be completed. No work results in a Zero.
- Papers without work shown will **NOT** be accepted and **CANNOT** be turned in late for credit.
- Legible handwriting. If I cannot read your work, credit will not be given and assignments will need to be done again.
- Assignment book should be completed Daily!
- **If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what was missed, to arrange for its completion, and to turn the work in.** I follow the guidelines of out one day, one day given to turn in absent work. I will not accept it for credit after that time.
- If you are unsure about an assignment, please check my website.
- If you miss my class due to a field trip/school function, it is your responsibility to get the assignment ahead of time. The assignment is due the next day.
- Once a time and day have been arranged for a make-up of a quiz/test, the student is expected to arrive on time with all supplies and materials.

Homework Grades!

Homework grades will be entered into Pinnacle by date assigned but they are **NOT** calculated into the homework grade until the end of the unit. These grades are **NOT** averaged. Homework is considered part of the learning process and either earns or does not earn credit on the due date. You should see one of the following three entries per assignment.

0 = homework was not completed, was not completed with an acceptable level of quality, or student did not have the assignment in class to turn in. Credit not earned.

Blank = student was absent and assignment should be completed, checked, and turned in according to the policy, "The number of days absent equals the number of day until due date of absent work once student returns to school." This will convert to a "0" if policy guidelines are not met.

Any other value indicates the percent earned on the homework assignment. Each of the three flowing areas is averaged for the final grade. The value of each area of work is as follows:

How will I be graded?

Homework = weight of 1 (17 % of grade)

Quizzes = weight of 2 (33% of grade)

Tests = weight of 3 (50% of grade)

Quarterly Effort Score Based on Number of HW Zeroes

0-1 Zeroes: "1" 4-5 Zeroes: "3" 10+ Zeroes "5"

2-3 Zeroes: "2" 6-9 Zeroes: "4"

Any score(s) of 3 or higher will disqualify a student from the Citizenship Award at the end of the year.

What if I need extra help?

I am available most days at 8:00 a.m. and after school until 3:45. Feel free to drop in anytime but I cannot guarantee that I will be in my classroom unless you make arrangements ahead of time. I could be in a meeting or making copies. Your text book provides extra practice & tutorial on-line.

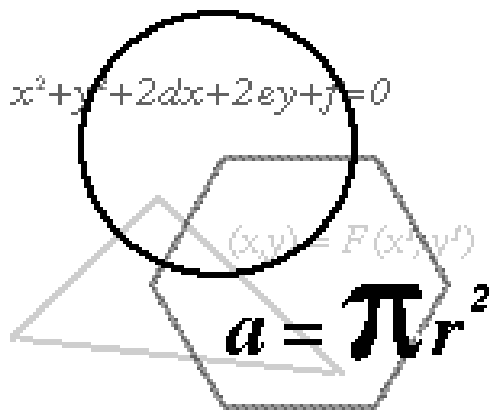
When may I use my calculator?

I will let you know when it is okay to use your calculator. You will need to use your calculator daily to calculator your homework score. You will also be able to use your calculator for most of the chapters. Please ask if you're not sure.

• **How often will we have homework?**

There will be homework most days.

- 1) YOU MUST WRITE IN PENCIL or you will not receive credit.
- 2) For all assignments, you must:
 - Show ALL steps/work and put a box around your answer.
 - Use a correct label, if needed, and answer word problems using complete sentences.
 - You may do your work on another sheet of paper. If you do your work on a separate paper you must copy the problem.



Please return bottom portion only.

I am really looking forward to having you all in class. Please read over this again with your parents, and return it signed by Tuesday, September 10th, for your first homework grade.

I understand the objective, procedures, policies, and requirements of 8th grade Math.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Are there any other policies, or procedures I need to know about?

Yes, there are some basic rules and courtesies we all need to follow to make the classroom a comfortable and productive place.

- 1) Do not say or do anything hurtful or disruptive to another student or the teacher.
- 2) Follow directions. If you are asked to do something, and you don't follow directions, or you are hurtful or disruptive as you are attempting to follow directions, you will be asked to spend the rest of the class period working by yourself at a designated location. Further disruptions will result in detention or an office referral.
- 3) Do not talk or leave your seat when anyone is addressing the class.
- 4) Be ready to work when the bell rings. You may be counted tardy if you are not in your seat. Sharpen your pencil BEFORE class.