

Common Core 8 Math 2013-2014

Welcome to Common Core 8 Math. Our goals for the year are simple. We want to prepare you to be successful in Math. Along the way we plan to challenge you to learn to solve problems independently and in groups. We also want to have a good time in this class and make sure that you are achieving at your potential.

Here are some of our basic guidelines for the class. Put this in the front of your binder so that you can refer to it throughout the year.

A. Expectations

- ✓ Be on time and bring all supplies to class (math binder, textbook, math notes-book, math homework notebook, sharpened pencils, eraser, red pen, calculator).
- ✓ Use the restroom **prior to class!**
- ✓ Ask lots of questions if you don't understand in class.
- ✓ Learn to use your calculator strategically! You have a brain - use it to save valuable time when problem solving.

B. Routine:

- ✓ Sit in your seat; take out your homework and be ready for the warm-up problems.
- ✓ Complete the warm-up problems on the board.
- ✓ Write down homework in your planner before leaving class. This is your responsibility.
- ✓ File 1. Corrected Worksheets, 2. Tests and Quizzes, 3. Week by Week Essentials, 4. Daily WarmUps and 5. Blue Packet & other work in your math binder.

C. Homework:

- ✓ Homework will be assigned every day. This work will reflect the work you have covered in the class that day.
- ✓ For any incomplete homework you will email home and complete the work for the following day. After 3 missed or incomplete assignments your parents will be called. You will be asked to stay on Wednesday during help hall..
- ✓ Any incomplete homework will be checked the following day.
- ✓ Homework/ word problems will be completed using the problem solving method.
All work must be shown (*even the work you do in your head*).

D. Quizzes & Tests:

- ✓ Mid-chapter quizzes will be given every 1 to 2 weeks to ensure that all students are learning the new math concepts.
- ✓ Final chapter tests are given at the end of each chapter (2-3 tests/quarter)
- ✓ All students must complete **test corrections** on a separate sheet showing all work & submit these stapled to the front of the original test.
- ✓ Students will have an opportunity to improve their proficiency by doing all corrections using their notes and textbook.

E. Week by Week Essentials - must be completed on separate sheet and stapled.

F. Help hall - every Wednesday starting August 28th from 3:15 - 4:15pm in 7N, students will have the opportunity to get additional assistance & one on one help in math.

Student Homework specifics:

I am available to help ALL students who have questions about their work and what we do on the board. It is important that you ask questions when you do not understand. Don't leave the classroom until you have your questions answered. You can also email me with specific questions.

You also need to do your part. You cannot learn math unless you practice doing problems. Even if you understand it perfectly, you won't be able to do it well enough to show proficiency & mastery unless you PRACTICE. That is why homework is so important. You must try to do all your homework. That doesn't mean that you have to have all problems correct you just need to try every problem.

If you get a problem you can't do, try using your "notes-notebook" and your textbook. If you still can't do it - you must write in words what gave you difficulty - NOT just - "*I don't understand*". Be as specific as you can. The more you tell me about what you don't understand the more I will be able to help you.

Some days I will assign some students to put their work on the board for one problem - so please come to school with your work complete. If you don't have that problem done your homework will be marked as incomplete.

Here are a few basic rules to help create an atmosphere conducive to learning & working purposefully:

- Respect others . No disrupting the class. That means no talking when I am talking to the class or when a classmate is explaining his work.
- If you need to talk, please raise your hand.
- Respect all property. Ask permission if you need to borrow anything.
- Clean up after yourself. Other students may use your chair, the table or the space after you.

I know math is fun and I hope I can convince you all of it this year.

Please read the above and sign to show that you have read and understand our basic guidelines in Common Core 8 math.

Student signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____