

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7 ate(8) 9 ☺

Welcome to Course 1 !

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I usually respond within 24
hours

What to Bring Each Day

Charged chromebook and charger

Math workbook

Math Notebook (spiral notebook for their Bell Work, some notes and HW)

Pencils

Correcting Pen

Whiteboard marker

Corrected Homework

Questions they have about their homework or concepts they don't understand

A positive attitude, determination, flexibility and a sense of humor:)

Typical Day in Math Class

- When students enter the room, they should write the day's homework in the agenda, then take out their Math Notebook to copy down and complete the Bell Work (typically a couple of review problems)
- We go over the Bell Work and then I answer any questions students have about the previous day's homework before moving to a new lesson.
- Notes are given with lots of sample problems. Notes may be recorded in their school-issued Math Workbook or possibly their Notebook if I'm offering alternate explanations and methods for solving problems.
- Participation and questions are strongly encouraged; some days students may practice using whiteboards (I have whiteboards but encourage students to bring a whiteboard marker)
- Most days, students have time to start their homework in class where they can get individual help. The assignment is also posted in Google Classroom, if they forget to copy it from the board into their agenda.

Homework

- It's so important for students to practice concepts to help solidify their understanding.
- Solutions are posted in Google Classroom so students need to check their work (using a correcting pen) before coming to class, which helps them see if they are doing it correctly. If they don't know how to do a problem, they should check the KEY and copy the solution using their correcting pen and then ask about it the next day in class.
- Homework is graded on completion, so if they attempt all problems, show work, & correct it, they receive full credit. **The problem with this method, however, is that a student can receive all the homework points and not really understand any of the math.** That's why it's important they correct their homework with a brightly colored pen to draw attention to their errors so they know where to focus their review efforts. They need to ask to see problems worked out if they missed them and write down the correct way to do them so they have a resource to review.

Late Work

- Late work is accepted up until the time students take a test on those concepts. It is the student's responsibility to show me their completed and corrected missing work. **AFTER THE TEST, MISSING WORK RECEIVES NO CREDIT**
- Work is due at the beginning of the class, usually the day after it is assigned. If it is completed after that time, it will receive a LATE notification in Power School; however, as long as it's turned in no later than the day before the test, it will not be subject to a point penalty.
- I do NOT usually collect their homework; it should remain intact in their math notebook. I walk around the room and check for completion while they work on their Bell Work.
- **Please note it is not a good idea to habitually complete work late, especially in math, where the lessons build on each other. Please remind your children if they ever need help with their assignments to ask:)**

Absent Work

- Students should check Google Classroom for work when they're absent. It is listed by date with the most recent assignments being closer to the top of the page.
- Students are encouraged to copy the posted notes that go with the assignment into their math workbook or notebook, complete the assignment, and use the KEY to correct it IF they feel up to it while they are home. If not, they should complete it as soon as they feel better and email me if they have any questions. They might also sign into Khan Academy with their student google log-in and search for a video on the topic to help them understand it better.
- Test/Quiz make-ups are during Advisory, lunch, or before or after school. Students should speak with me to schedule a time to make them up.
- [Math Quarantine Help!](#) Click the link for more information if a student is absent for an extended time due to quarantine or other situation. Students are encouraged to email me if they have questions so we can set up a time to discuss their questions.

Check PowerSchool (NOT Google Classroom) to keep updated on your child's grade.

Students are encouraged to take ownership of their grade and check online to view their progress, especially after tests.

In Math, grades are weighted. Classwork, homework and quizzes are 30% of the grade while tests are 70% of the overall grade.

TESTS

Students may be given a practice test 2 days prior to the test, which we will go over the day before the test. They may use their notes during the test.

To retake a test, students must complete all of the homework pertaining to the concepts on the test, make corrections for the problems they missed on the test, and **schedule a time to meet with me during advisory, or before or after school, to show me their homework and test corrections and get on the schedule for the retake.** Retakes usually occur within 1 or 2 weeks following the original test date. Maximum score of 80% can be earned on retakes.

How to Retake a Quiz

Students may improve score on QUIZZES, and receive up to full credit, by retaking the quiz but **ONLY** if they meet the following requirements:

Correct the problems they missed. On a separate sheet of paper, copy the problems they missed, do the work to get what is hopefully, the correct answer and circle that answer. Next to the problem, explain their mistake and what they should have done to get the correct answer. They may use their notes. They may also schedule a time to see me before or after school so I can help them, or email me for help.

When they have completed the corrections, show them to me at least one day before they plan to retake and I will schedule a time for them to retake it but **there is a time limit. They must retake the quiz within 1 week of the original date of the quiz.**

A Note About Google Classroom

I use Google Classroom to communicate with students and to post their notes, assignments, and the key for their assignments. Students are not required to submit or turn in work in Google Classroom, unless specifically requested to do so during class. **If you want to know how your child is doing, always check Power School.**

Please remind your children whenever they have questions, it's imperative they ask for help!!! Remind them to use their notes while doing their HW if they're not sure what to do

They need to review concepts daily and get extra help when they're having difficulty. They can see me during Advisory or before or after school by appointment, or send me an email.

I'm here to help them be successful in math and am looking forward to a wonderful school year.