

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to a new semester. Today, a good foundation in mathematics is necessary for higher education and the best positions in many fields. Success in this mathematics course will help set the foundation for more rigorous mathematics courses as well as preparation for applications in other disciplines.

Mathematics is hierarchical; most new ideas build upon previous skills. Therefore, students cannot afford to fall behind. Homework will be assigned nearly every day. Students should have a place to study that is quiet and free from distractions. Parents are encouraged to keep track of how well their children are doing in this class.

Parents can aide in academic success by:

Checking homework on a regular basis with the following in mind:

Class notes should be reviewed before beginning the homework

Assignment should be completed (or at least attempted) in its entirety

Odd numbered text problems should be checked in the back of the book

Work should be shown, not just answers

If your child still cannot do the assignment, a note from you must accompany him/her the day it is due

Encouraging your child to schedule extra help when necessary (review sessions are also held before most tests/quizzes)

Parental interest and support are extremely valuable. Students do their best when they, their parents, and their teacher have high but realistic expectations. We look forward to a successful semester in mathematics that will contribute to a promising future.

Sincerely,
Laurie Camelio

Kathy Howard

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The following rules and procedures will apply in your math class this semester:

- 1) Every day you will be expected to bring a **writing utensil**, a **colored pencil or highlighter**, your notebook (a **three ring binder**) and your **textbook** (which must be covered). A scientific (or graphing) **calculator** for home use is also required. If this presents a problem please speak with one of us.
- 2) **Homework** is assigned every night and is due at the beginning of class. No excuses will be accepted except by a written note from parent. Homework is part of your grade (see below).
- 3) It is your responsibility to **make up** all work, quizzes, tests, etc. when absent. If absent on the day of a quiz or test, it is expected that you take the make-up on the day you return. Please plan accordingly.
- 4) For any **pre-planned absences** (school or family trips, meetings, etc.) please let us know in advance. You are also responsible for this work on the day you return.
- 5) **Credit** for this course will be lost if absent for more than 11 classes as explained in the school handbook. Since mathematics is both cumulative and sequential, **no make-up time** for these absences will be available.
- 6) **Grades** are cumulative throughout the entire semester.
 - **Tests** count twice. After tests and quizzes are graded, student corrections are required. Tests will be sent home for a parent signature.
 - **Quizzes** count once. One quiz grade per marking period may be dropped unless it lowers your average.
 - **Homework** has two components. Part of the grade will be determined by grading some assignments. The other part is based on regularity of completion.
 - **Notebooks** will be assessed as part of the grade. This is equivalent to one quiz grade but it may not be dropped.Students will be asked to keep a record of their grades.
The **final exam** is worth **20%** of the semester average.

As part of your first homework assignment please read the above carefully and sign below. Have your parent or guardian sign also. It must then be kept in your notebook to address any concerns throughout the semester.

. Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature