** 8th Grade Course Expectations  **

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**Welcome to Pre-algebra!**

 You will find this year in middle school to be full of exciting endeavours but also one with strength, change, and growth. Fear not…I am here to aid you through this journey. In this class you will learn to be creative, how to think and work through problems, and how to self-teach. You are going to build confidence in your math ability, which will be the most important skill to take with you in your future years in middle school and high school. Be ready to work hard and have a fun, successful year!

**Homework**

Attendance is a crucial part of succeeding in this class as well as excelling throughout the curriculum. If you are absent, you have **two days** to make up any missing work. After the two days the missing assignment will become a **permanent zero** and cannot be made up. Exceptions will be made for long-term absences and parents are **urged** to put in a work request to guidance if their child will be out more than two days. There will be daily reminders in Google Classroom of all homework assignments along with copies of any notes or examples we completed in class. **Google Classroom and Gmail accounts should be checked daily.**

**Required Materials:** (every day you should have...)

* Charged Chromebook (please bring your own headphones if you have them)
* One three-ring binder with three separations (for math only)
* Filler paper or one subject notebook in your binder
* Supply of pencils/pens (to correct homework)
* Folder
* Highlighter

DUE DATE FOR SUPPLIES: \_\_\_\_**Wednesday, September 10TH** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Coming prepared for class is half the battle! YOU are responsible for bringing these materials daily.

**Classroom Expectations:**

1. Come to class prepared and on time. Be ready to work! When you walk in the room, there will be a DO NOW either handed to you or on the board. This time is not to be wasted, but used to focus on the topic or lesson of the day.
2. You must remain in your seat unless otherwise given permission. This also means at the end of the period you will wait to be dismissed.
3. You may not leave the classroom during instructional time. If you need to use the restroom please wait until the day’s lesson is complete. **Only one person is allowed out of the room at a time**. Excessively leaving class or spending too much time when you are out is grounds for losing these privileges. Before leaving for the rest room, you must place your phone if you have one in the **Phone Drop** in the front of the room.

1. Raise your hand if you have something to say. I will do my best to make this classroom a democracy, but calling out and interrupting someone while they are speaking is unacceptable.
2. Discipline will be dealt within consistency with the rules of the school.
3. Maintain respect for yourself, each other, your teacher and the classroom.

**Grading Policy:**

* Assessments: 60% (35% Tests/25% Quizzes)
* Homework: 10%

(given at least three times per week...check homework board and Google classroom)

* Participation: 30% (practice reviews, participation quizzes, class activities, and IXL)
* All grades are available on Genesis and are updated weekly.
	+ “M” = Missing from being absent (counts as a zero until made up)
	+ “EXC” = Excused from the assignment (does not count against grade)
* Homework reminders and copies of lesson notes will be posted daily on your Google Classroom.
* If any student receives a score below passing (65%) on a test they will be given the opportunity to make corrections in order to earn points back up to a 65%. Students will also be required to get a parent signature on their corrected test in order to earn back the credit.

Please sign here:  I acknowledge that I understand the expectations and rules of this classroom and will follow them this year.

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