

**A Message from Mrs. Nabors**

**Hillsdale Middle School**

**8th Grade Mathematics**

**(Week #2)** .Math Enrichment Opportunities:.

Friday, August 22, 2025 <http://nrich.maths.org/weekly>

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!** I hope you enjoyed your summer with your child(ren) and are ready for a very busy and productive 2025-2026 school year. I am pleased to inform you that I am your student’s math teacher this year. I will be sending weekly emails to inform you of what’s going on in class, including assignment information, upcoming events/dates, and links to my lesson plans for the following week.

**PARENT LETTER:** Thank you for taking the time to read my Parent Letter, which was sent home with your student on the first day of school. Most students completed and returned the second sheet; however, I am still missing a few. I’ve attached a copy of my parent letter to this email in case you need to reference it throughout the school year.

**EMAIL:** If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student and math class, please don’t hesitate to reach out. **Please do not reply to this email**. Instead, start a new thread by clicking here: [nabors@cajonvalley.net](mailto:nabors@cajonvalley.net). **IMPORTANT:** Include your student’s **first and last name in the subject line** so I know who your student is.

**MY WEBSITE:** <https://www.cajonvalley.net/Domain/518> If you have a moment, please visit my website for information about me, the math curriculum, forms, weekly lesson plans, tools, resources, and other helpful materials.

**PTA:** Our amazing Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Hillsdale students succeed and grow into healthy, well-rounded individuals. The PTA works closely with teachers, administrators, and parents to share important information and support school initiatives. It also raises funds through the fun events we host throughout the year.

At Hillsdale, the PTA supports teachers by providing funds for extra supplies for science labs, art projects, and curriculum-enriching activities. Personally, the PTA has supported my classroom by purchasing picnic tables so students can enjoy working outside, as well as a much-needed class set of calculators.

Please consider joining our incredible PTA by scanning the QR code at the end of this letter. **By joining, you are not obligated to volunteer or attend meetings**—your membership alone makes a difference!

**I-READY:** I-Ready is a district-purchased online program for mathematics that personalizes your student’s learning and monitors progress throughout the school year. I-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. These provide valuable data to help increase your student’s learning gains.

This year, your student is required to take **3 diagnostic assessments** and complete **one math lesson per week**. Every four weeks, I-Ready will be graded based on the number of lessons **COMPLETED AND PASSED**. **Students who complete 4/4 by week 4, 8/8 by week 8, 12/12 by week 12, and so on, will be eligible to participate in P.A.T. (Preferred Activity Time).** Students who have not completed the required lessons will work on I-Ready during that time.

**I-READY LESSONS ARE DUE THE DAY BEFORE P.A.T. BY 8:59 PM. ANYTHING SUBMITTED AFTER 8:59 PM WILL NOT COUNT FOR THAT PARTICULAR WEEK.**

**TIMES TESTS:** In two weeks **on September 5th**, and every four weeks after that, all students will take a **multiplication facts quiz** (100 facts, 0’s through 12’s in 5 minutes). Students have practiced in class, but you can also help your student at home to prepare.

1. Make multiplication flashcards and quiz your student.
2. Print each of the four different Times Test forms from my website and **practice, practice, practice!** The Times Tests can be found in the **left navigation bar** on my website, or you can click [HERE](https://www.cajonvalley.net/Page/20867).
3. Visit Hoodamath.com to have your student practice timed multiplication tests online.
4. Play Multiplication War with a deck of cards (Remove the Kings. Queens = 12, Jacks = 11, and Aces = 1).

**GRADES:** I will be using iGrade Plus instead of the district’s Q system because it allows me to email weekly progress reports directly to parents. Grades will only be updated in Q at the end of each 6-week grading period for progress and trimester report cards. **Please do not check Q for your student’s math grade—**it won’t be there.

**You and your student will receive an invitation to access iGrade Plus, so you can check math grades at any time. Be on the lookout for an email TODAY with instructions to set up your parent portal account. Students will set up their portals on Tuesday, August 26th.**

Grades are updated **every FRIDAY** in iGrade Plus, and weekly grade reports are emailed that day. If you check your student’s grade before Friday, you may see blank entries. This simply means grades for that assignment have not been entered yet—please check again **on Friday**. Assignments submitted on Friday will appear in the **following** week’s report.

**THE FIRST GRADE REPORT WILL BE EMAILED OUT TODAY. If you do not receive it, please email me a working email address so I can update my records. Be sure to include your student’s first and last name in the subject line.**

**INFRACTIONS:** An Infraction Log is maintained daily for violations of school and classroom rules. These include (but are not limited to):

* Gum
* Tardy
* Cell phone use/on
* Inappropriate use of technology
* Disruption
* Not bringing necessary school supplies (I.N., charged Chromebook and charger)
* Profanity
* Dress code violations

**EVERY 3 INFRACTIONS RESULT IN ONE LOWERED CITIZENSHIP GRADE.** Infractions will be included in your student’s weekly math grade report.

**NEXT WEEK’S HOMEWORK:** You can find next week’s math homework assignments here: <https://www.cajonvalley.net/Page/11701>. Make sure to click on the correct week and locate your student’s course column. Note: While the lesson plans are accurate, minor changes may occur without notice.

**UP-COMING EVENTS/DATES:**

Now NOW Students need to have their school supplies. Below is a list of suggested items:

* **1 Spiral Notebook** – Must be at least 120 pages (preferably 3 subject, 8½ x 11 inch, college ruled) – **PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STUDENT HAS THEIR SPIRAL NOTEBOOK BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 26th**
* Pencil pouch with 4 sharpened or mechanical pencils
* Charged Chromebook, charger, and earbuds
* Glue stick

August 26th Interactive Notebook Set Up – **STUDENTS MUST HAVE A SPIRAL NOTEOOK**

August 27-28 I-READY Math Diagnostic #1 in Advisory – Advisory time is extended for the test

September 1st Labor Day Holiday – NO School!!

September 3-4 I-READY ELA Diagnostic #1 in Advisory – Advisory time is extended for the test

September 3rd Accelerated – Module 1 Quiz (Open Notes)

September 5th TIMES TEST (100 basic facts – 5 minutes)

September 9th Honors – Module 1 Quiz (Open Notes)

September 10th Curriculum / Parent Night 5:30 – 6:30 pm

September 12th Accelerated – Module 2 Quiz (Open Notes)

Please feel free to email me at [nabors@cajonvalley.net](mailto:nabors@cajonvalley.net) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your student and math.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nabors

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**PROGRESS REPORT/REPORT CARD TIMELINE 2025-2026**

**Tri 1 Progress Report – September 26th marks the end of the 1st 6 weeks of Tri 1**

* **October 3 - Progress Reports Available for Parents to print**

**TRI 1 REPORT CARD – October 31st marks the end of Tri 1**

* **November 8 - Report Cards Available for Parents to print**

**Tri 2 Progress Report – January 23rd marks the end of the 1st 6 weeks of Tri 2**

* **January 31 - Report Cards Available for Parents to print**

**TRI 2 REPORT CARD – March 6th marks the end of Tri 2**

* **March 14 - Report Cards Available for Parents to print**

**Tri 3 Progress Report – April 24th  marks the end of the 1st 6 weeks of Tri 3**

* **May 2 - Report Cards Available for Parents to print**

**TRI 3 REPPORT CARD – June 17th marks the end of Tri 3**

* **June 17 - Report Cards Available for Parents to print**