

# Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math!

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Hello there! I am very excited to be your math teacher for the 2018-2019 school year! This year, we will continue to embrace common core. Basically this means that you will not only become an expert at solving math problems, but that you will be able to communicate your understanding to others in various ways as well. You will be challenged, but I am here to help you succeed! I am looking forward to a great year!!

-Mrs. Lau

## Materials & Supplies:

\*Pencils

\*Math Notebook

\*Positive Attitude☺

\*Chromebook

## Classroom Procedures:

- \*Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
- \*Bring **all** materials with you to class every day (cough cough PENCIL!! cough cough)
- \*Absolutely NO gum, food, or drinks (except water) in class.
- \*Cell phones are only allowed to be used in class *with* permission.
- \*Take care of all personal business before/after class.
- \*R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Me, yourselves, each other.

## Grading Policy:

Here is the breakdown:

- 30% Classwork
- 70% Assessments

## Grade Scale

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| A+: 100-97 | A: 96-93 | A-: 92-90 |
| B+: 89-87  | B: 86-83 | B-: 82-80 |
| C+: 79-77  | C: 76-73 | C-: 72-70 |
| D+: 69-67  | D: 66-63 | D-: 62-60 |

- \*Citizenship Grade: Based on your cooperation and respect of school and classroom policies.
- \*Effort Grade: Based on quality of work, how well you collaborate with your peers on group tasks, and if test/quiz corrections are being done when needed.

## ZANGLE:

Grades will be updated here on a weekly basis, so you should **make it a habit of checking your grade online frequently!** Make sure that you are receiving credit for all of your completed assignments, quizzes/tests and corrections (I sometimes make mistakes too!).

## Homework:

You may have noticed that this is not part of the grading policy. While you will not have nightly homework, it may still be assigned occasionally. When it is, it will be included in the classwork category. Since there is no homework on a *regular* basis, more will be expected of you in class. There are no more excuses for "not understanding" something since most practice will be done in class where you have numerous resources available to you. \*\*I also reserve the right to change the homework policy!! If the 'no homework' thing is not working out, nightly homework will be reinstated.\*\*

## Tests & Quizzes:

Tests and quizzes will be given throughout the year to assess how well you comprehend the material. Corrections are available for all tests and quizzes, regardless of the score. You will be given half of the point value for each correct response. This can make a HUGE difference in your grade. I HIGHLY encourage corrections for everyone--even if you got a good score!! Corrections will be only be accepted until the next test is given. (Example: You can turn in Module 3 corrections up until the day we take the test for Module 4.)

### Late & Make-Up Work:

Late work can be turned in for half credit. If you are absent, you will have the same number of days you are gone to make-up your work. It is very helpful to ask a friend while you are out to see if you can do the work at home & stay caught up even when you are not in school. Always check Google Classroom- everything is on there. *"It's easier to stay caught up than it is to catch up."* → So True!!

### Academic Honesty:

Academic honesty is essential to academic success. Cheating in any form has no place in our learning environment. Dishonesty will result in a score of zero and disciplinary action for not only you, but also for the person lending their work. Have your friend explain to you how to do something instead. This way you will learn how to do it too, rather than just blindly copying (how will that help you on the test?!).

### Tutorial:

It is MUCH easier to get help right away rather than waiting until the day before a test. Take advantage and go to the tutoring center before or after school in the library. Remember, asking for help is a sign of *strength* not weakness.

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## Student Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the expectations and policies listed in this syllabus. I agree to do my very best, work hard, and respect others in our classroom. I also agree to follow the school and classroom rules at all times. I realize that I am responsible for my own actions, and that my grade in this class is a direct result of the amount of effort that I put in.

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Student Signature

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Date

## Parents & Guardians:

Your student knows how to check their grades- I update them weekly. If you want to know how they are doing, make them show you on Zangle. Super simple. ☺

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name - Printed

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Email: \_\_\_\_\_