

2025-2026 Welcome & Course Syllabus

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About Me:

I am ecstatic to be back for my 29th year of teaching at Corte Madera! Over the years, I've tried to perfect my understanding of the adolescent learner and I hope that I've become the empathetic yet challenging educator I wish to be. I'm so lucky to be here part time doing what I love while balancing having one child at home (two in college), two dogs, and a passion for the outdoors, yoga, and cooking.

General Philosophy of Learning:

I hope to not only teach the 80+ math standards (the 6th grade advanced class covers 3 years of math to prepare kids for Algebra in 7th grade), but to instill good habits and encourage self advocacy and risk taking. I hope to challenge the students with complex problems that require cooperation, questioning, and multiple trials. I hope to help the kids see the value of math beyond the classroom, as it pertains to current events, data analysis, the economy, and personal finance.

Class Rules:

1. Come to class on time and be prepared each day.
2. Be respectful to all materials and persons in the classroom.
3. Follow the CMS school rules and behavioral expectations.

Homework and Grading Procedures:

- Daily Work: 30% homework, group work, in class practice assignments, effort
- Assessments: 70% quizzes & tests

Daily Work

- Late, incomplete, and illegible homework will not receive credit and cannot be made up. Exceptions made for excused absences.
- Homework should reflect your best effort, completed in pencil and should be neat, organized, corrected and with the proper heading.
- Students should be working on their math homework every day for 25-35 minutes.

About the Course:

The course covers the most important elements of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math over 20 chapters to prepare students for Algebra 1 in 7th grade. The course moves at a very quick pace, often covering two lessons in a single day. Independent learning, participation, and daily homework completion are all expectations of the course.

Since the textbook primarily covers skills, problem solving type problems will be added in as enrichment. Look out for problem solving problems as they will be given on “pink” paper. Students are not expected to master these. Rather, they are intended to challenge thinking and problem solving.

- Students will have their own login information, but parents can easily access the books [Advanced 1 dynamic textbook](#), [Advanced 2 dynamic textbook](#)
- Problems from the [Continental Math League](#) and [American Mathematics Competitions](#) will be given throughout the year to challenge students in preparation for the bimonthly competitions.

Suggested Class Materials (to be brought to class daily): let me know if you’d like assistance in acquiring materials

- Sharpened pencil(s), including a few colored pencils
- Graph paper notebook – provided by teacher
- Brightly colored pen for correcting homework (not black please)
- Calculators will be provided in the classroom and online calculators are available for use at home. If you’d like your child to have their own [here’s TI-XIIS](#) I use in class.

Absence Policy

- If you miss class due to an excused absence, please use the google classroom to find out the assignment and complete it in a timely manner.
- To encourage attendance, make up work for unexcused absences will only be accepted if submitted on time.

Individual Assessments

- Unit tests are given approximately every 3 weeks with advanced notice given. They will be graded promptly and returned for parent review, signature and student corrections.
- Tests earning a score of under 70% can be retaken by appointment and with at least one review session for a max grade of 70%.
- Benchmark assessments are used throughout the year to measure growth, but they are not counted toward a child’s final grade.

Struggling? Let’s meet at lunch! Please email me. My office hours are Tuesdays and Thursday at lunch and M, W, F by appointment.

I look forward to a fantastic school year with your child.

Warmly,

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