

Algebra

MATERIALS NEEDED EVERY DAY: math book, math notebook, paper, pencil, pen, scientific calculator

MATERIALS NEEDED SOMETIMES: ruler, colored pencils and/or markers, scissors, and glue.

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS/HOMEWORK:

Daily assignments/homework are 20% of your grade.

You will have an assignment/homework daily. **Your assignment/homework is due at the beginning of class the next day** unless I tell you otherwise. **I do not take late homework!!!!!!** You must turn in what you have finished or else you get a zero. (You do have that day after school to come finish the assignment or the next morning in order to earn back points.)

Your homework will be graded one of the three ways:

graded according to whether it is complete or not. A completed assignment has all problems finished and all work shown or other requirements met. A completed assignment receives 10 points. If your assignment is not complete I figure the percentage based on the number of problems completed and then I subtract 10% for it being incomplete. (for instance: if you do 9 out of 10 problems your completion is 90% but I deduct 10% for it being incomplete, therefore, your homework grade is an 80% or 8 points.) You are responsible for correcting your homework. I will read the answers and you are responsible for checking your answers and writing the correct answer down if yours is incorrect. (Or your may be checking answers from answer sheet). You and your fellow classmates are responsible for asking me question on problems you do not understand. If you do not feel comfortable asking me questions in front of the whole class then ask me before or after school or during work time.

each problem is corrected by me. I will correct each problem on the assignment and your percent is figured by how many correct divided by the total number of problems.

A few problems will be selected to grade. I will select a group of problems to grade that represent the concepts taught. (percent = number correct/ total number graded.)

Notebook:

It is very important that you keep a notebook with your notes, assignments, and worksheets. It really helps to keep them in the order given. This will help you when studying for a test. It will also help you when you are in a later chapter and have to refer back to a previous chapter to remember a concept. You will need to come up with some sort of system to help you keep your notebook in order.

Quizzes:

Quizzes are usually given in the middle of a unit. I will inform you when you will be given a quiz and what material the quiz will cover. We will also review the day before the quiz so you may ask me questions on the concepts you're not sure about. You need to use your class time wisely to best benefit from these study sessions. When you finish your quiz it is turned into the basket on my desk. Sometimes there is an assignment afterwards and sometimes you are expected to read your book -- directions will be given before

the quiz. You have to turn the quiz in at the end of class whether it is finished or not. You do not get extra time so you need to gage accordingly.

POP QUIZ

Occasionally I will give you pop quizzes to see if you are understanding the material and are keeping up with the homework. I will not tell you about these in advance. There is a time limit on pop quizzes and they must be turned in at the end of that time limit. No extra time will be given.

TESTS:

Tests will be given at the end of each unit. You will be told in advance when the test will be given. The day before the test I will tell you (in general) what will be covered on the test, we will review for the test, and you will ask questions on the material you do not understand. To best benefit from the study session students must stay on task. All tests need to be turned in to the basket on my desk at the end of the period whether you are finished or not. Sometimes there is an assignment to do after the test and sometimes you are expected to read your book -- directions will be given before the test. **TESTS/QUIZZES ARE 80% OF YOUR GRADE.**

EXPECTATIONS

I expect you to have the materials needed for class. I expect you to take notes and ask questions during lecture/discussion/group work. I expect you to use class time wisely and work on the assignments in the time given. I expect you to do your homework so you do not fall behind.

CLASSROOM RULES/BEHAVIOR

Be on time
Be prepared for class (materials needed)
Be courteous (respect each other)
Be focused on Learning (not playing)

I want every student to have a successful year. As a group we are going to help each other grow and learn. I encourage you to ask questions and let me know when you do not understand or are struggling. Sometimes just a little extra help from me or a fellow classmate will make a big difference. Best time to ask for help is when working on the assignment, when we are going over the answers to the assignment, before school, or after school. The beginning of class is not a good time to ask how to do things on a previous assignment as I am trying to get today's lesson going.

Any time you leave the classroom once the bell has rung (to go to the bathroom, to get something out of your locker, or to get a drink) it takes away from time spent learning. Please try to do those things during the 5 minute passing period. After the 3rd time leaving the room you will be issued a detention (this starts over each quarter). OUR TIME IS VALUABLE AND I NEED YOU IN CLASS.