

Back to School Night Notes for Applied Math Modeling Parents and Guardians

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-I know that you want your kids to stay healthy, do well, feel good about themselves, grow, get enough sleep, have good days in school, gain skills and understanding, “earn” future opportunities, work hard, be “good”... etc. **I do too!!**

- I also want them to become better thinkers, problem-solvers and mathematics students so...

-Your kids should be spending about 15-45 minutes on each homework assignment. (They will usually have 1-3 assignments each week, some weeks that will include tutorial work on deltamath.com.)

-From time to time they will need to devote some outside of class time to studying for a quiz or test or finishing a project or problem-set from class.

-Students who are struggling with the material and/or miss class might also have to spend extra time reading notes, examples, the text book or other resources, doing quiz revisions, attending extra help or the Math Resource Center, reviewing class work...etc.

- I have **Office Hours on Mondays 2:35-3:30** (Tuesdays after school if Monday is a holiday) and I'm available for Extra Help many other days at 8 am or 2:30. Students can always ask in person or via email to see if we can find a time for extra help outside of class or Monday office hours.

-The **Math Resource Center** (sometimes called Math Lab) is open almost every block during the school day. Students can find another math teacher there to help them during the school day if they have a free period or canceled class. *Room 452 block A or Room 427 Blocks B-F*

-I use our class Canvas web page to post assessment dates, **learning goals**,* assignments, links to resources or topics of interest, my solutions, discussion questions, class work and more.

**The learning goals might be very helpful for you if your child is studying for a test and you want to check-in with them to see how they are doing.*

-I'll work as hard, or harder, than I ask your kids to work! I will do my best to get them thinking critically and doing math for an hour each class. I hope they will enjoy our class.

-I will respond to e-mail and phone messages the school day of or the school day after receiving them. **Feel free to contact me anytime!**

-It's great when you...

-ask your kids to explain to you and/or show you what they are working on in class.

-emphasize a quality and consistent homework and classwork effort and a growth mindset.

- encourage class attendance.

- encourage students to take responsibility for their learning and understanding.

-encourage students to prioritize sleep and other healthy habits.

- encourage creative and thoughtful problem solving, questioning, thinking and learning.

-remind your kids they can always reach out to me with questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support and THANK YOU for your kids- they keep me energized and hopeful! I wish that I had time to send emails home about all the impressive stuff your kids do and share in class, the creativity and the kindness they show... Sorry, please believe me, I could send out TENS of such emails daily!

*Wishing you and your family a healthy and fulfilling school year,
Caroline*