

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome! hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I am thrilled to be back, and I am ready for a great year. I will be the 6th grade homeroom teacher as well as the math teacher for 6,7 and 8th grade.

I am looking forward to working with each of you; I have many exciting activities planned for this year.

Home Communication:

I will send home weekly e-mails to communicate what is happening in the classroom! This includes due dates, upcoming assessments, and information on topics we are learning.

Grades will be based on:

- **Assessments-** Assessments will be given and students/parents will be notified in advance. All graded assessments will need to be signed by the parent/guardian and returned
- **Quizzes-** Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the modules/topics. Graded quizzes do not need to be signed, students will keep graded quizzes in their binder to use to review for future assessments.
- **Weekly Homework-** Homework will be given weekly. Homework will be assigned every Monday and is due on Friday. Students are responsible to complete all homework assignments even when absent.
- **Attendance-** It is imperative to attend math class every day.
- **Participation-** Students are expected to participate in class every day! Participation includes taking notes, completing classwork, asking questions, and working collaboratively with peers.

Curriculum overview: grades 6- 8 Story of Ratios

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	
20 days	M1: Ratios and Unit Rates (35 days)	M1: Ratios and Proportional Relationships (30 days)	M1: Integer Exponents and the Scientific Notation (20 days)	20 days
20 days	M2: Arithmetic Operations Including Dividing by a Fraction (25 days)	M2: Rational Numbers (30 days)	M2: The Concept of Congruence (25 days)	20 days
20 days			M3: Similarity (25 days)	20 days
20 days	M3: Rational Numbers (25 days)	M3: Expressions and Equations (35 days)	M4: Linear Equations (40 days)	20 days
20 days	M4: Expressions and Equations (45 days)			M4: Percent and Proportional Relationships (25 days)
20 days		M5: Area, Surface Area, and Volume Problems (25 days)	M5: Statistics and Probability (25 days)	M5: Examples of Functions from Geometry (15 days)
20 days	M6: Statistics (25 days)		M6: Geometry (35 days)	M6: Linear Functions (20 days)
20 days		M7: Introduction to Irrational Numbers Using Geometry (35 days)		20 days

Approx. test date for Grades 6-8

The parent-teacher relationship is vital to your child's success in school. By working together, we can help your child have a very fulfilling learning experience. Throughout the year, we will communicate with emails, phone calls, progress reports, schools' newsletters, and report cards. I will also be available for parent-teacher conferences, as they are needed. If you ever have any questions or concerns, you can always reach me by calling the school or sending me an email.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Cespedes
Math Teacher