

# Middle School Math Syllabus

## TEXTBOOK

Textbooks are accessible online. If a textbook is needed, it can be checked out and returned at the end of a chapter on test day. We will go over in class how to access the online textbook and resources available.

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ **Respect yourself, the teacher, and others.**
  - Show respect for the teacher, yourself and others at all times.
  - Respect others' property. Avoid touching or writing on anything that does not belong to you (including desks, textbooks, teachers' belongings, wall, whiteboard, etc.). Don't expect others to clean up your messes. Please pick up after yourself.
  
- ❖ **Put forth your best effort at all times**
  - Always do your best work. Take pride in your work!
  - Put quality ahead of just getting it done. Use your resources.
  
- ❖ **Be prepared for class each day**
  - Come prepared with all materials necessary
    - Pocket folder
    - Loose leaf notebook paper, pencils, erasers
    - Red pen (for checking)
    - Spiral notebook for taking notes (required to take notes)
    - Spiral notebook for DO NOW (warm-up)
    - Highlighter for marking final answer to problems.
  
- ❖ **Pay attention, participate and ask questions**
  - Engage in what is going on in the classroom. If you have a question, ask it! Otherwise I might not know until the test that you didn't understand something. There are no stupid questions and chances are, if you are wondering about it, someone else is too. Be proactive about your learning and don't be afraid to ask for help. If you are uncomfortable asking questions in class, see me after class
  
- ❖ **Preserve a positive environment**
  - Student actions that interfere with teaching or learning in the classroom will **NOT** be tolerated.
  - Use class time to learn math. Please do not spend your time grooming, sleeping, talking, writing notes to another person, drawing on the whiteboard, or doing work for other classes.

- Minimize classroom interruptions by arriving to class **on time** and **ready to work** with a **positive attitude**.

❖ **Take responsibility for your actions**

- If you are confronted about a rule infraction, own up to it. Don't deny it, lie about it, or blame someone else.
- Take responsibility for your missed assignments.
- All handbook rules will be enforced. Please read your handbook. Students that **choose** to break these rules will have consequences.

## **CLASSROOM RULES**

❖ **No food or drinks are to be consumed in the classroom.**

- Visit the water fountain **before** you enter the classroom.
- No water bottles will be allowed in class.

❖ **ARRIVE TO CLASS ON TIME AND READY TO WORK**

- When you enter the classroom, find your seat, turn in to the tray any assignment due, then begin the DO NOW.
- Be physically and mentally present in the classroom and willing to learn.

❖ **NEVER LINE UP AT THE DOOR BEFORE DISMISSAL**

- Please remain in your seat until I dismiss you. Never line up at the door before dismissal.
- Remember I dismiss you, not the bell.

❖ **DO NOT CHEAT OR COPY ANOTHER'S WORK**

- Cheating is completely unacceptable. If I see you cheating on any assignment (individual work, test, quiz, or another class), I will give you a zero and report the incident to the other teacher, as well as Mrs. Todora and your parents.

❖ **DO YOUR BEST AT ALL TIMES**

- Remember that the work you do is an reflection of your effort on the assignment. Think about the following expectations when you are preparing an assignment:
  - Write your MLA heading on **ALL papers**.
  - All work must be neatly done, legible and in pencil in order to receive credit.
  - **NEVER** turn in any assignment with "fringes" from a spiral notebook or points will be deducted.
  - All assignment are to be done on 8 x 10 ½ lined notebook paper unless otherwise stated.

- Assignments that are bunched up, crinkled, illegible, sloppy, or that contain stains or holes are unacceptable. You will be asked to do them again.
- You must show all of your work, unless specific directions state otherwise.
- You must copy down the original problem.

❖ **I do not give extra credit**

- Extra points will be in the form of a bonus at the end of a test.
- A weekly grade will be given for completing all assignments.

**CLASSROOM PROCEDURES**

❖ **Time between classes**

- You will have 3 minutes between classes to go to your locker, restroom, and get a drink of water,

❖ **Enter the classroom quietly**

- The DO NOW will begin after the 3 minutes transition. You will have 5 minutes to complete the DO NOW in your spiral. We will check it after the 5 minutes are up.

❖ **Homework**

- Any assignment that is to be turned in is due at the **beginning** of class. Put it in the appropriate tray before you start your DO NOW.
- Extended assignments from the lesson learned will need to be put on the side of your desk so that I may look at it while you are completing the DO NOW.

❖ **Pick up after yourself before you leave**

- Take all of your belongings, pick up any scrap paper around you, and put your desk pack in line before you leave each day. You are responsible for keeping the area around you clean.

❖ **Ask your teacher for missed work when you return from an absence**

- Attendance is essential for optimal learning.
- If you are absent, it is **your responsibility** to obtain any missed class work. Ask your study buddy for any notes taken in class.
- Make arrangements to take quizzes and/or test immediately. It is **your responsibility** to make these arrangements. I will not and cannot track you down. If you do not make up these assignments in a timely manner, you will earn a “zero”.

❖ **CLASS CONSEQUENCES**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Demerit or silent lunch

3. Principal

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I thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation during your child's math journey. Please feel free to call me or email me at any time should you have a question or concern. Please refer to these pages during the school year. Print and sign this page to be returned to me after you BOTH have read it.

**Jeania Craus  
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**PRINTED STUDENT NAME**

**DATE**

**"I have read and understand the mathematics syllabus"**

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**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**

**DATE**