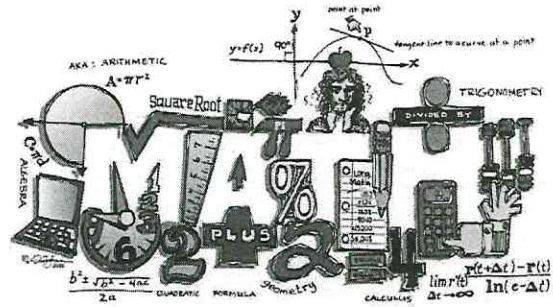


6th Grade Accelerated Common Core

Mrs. Sorensen



Welcome to sixth grade! Junior high can be such a fun and exciting adventure, but also challenging in trying to keep assignments straight, turned in, and getting to class on time. Know that your teachers are here to do all they can to help you be successful this year! Good communication is key in being a successful student so if you ever need help, please let me, your parents, or your other teachers know. I have been teaching for 14 years and this is my fifth year teaching math at the junior high school. I love being a teacher and helping students understand new things. In this syllabus there are a few things you should know to be successful in my class.

This class is designed to move more quickly than a regular math class. We will *sometimes* do 2 lessons a day, and you might have a small amount of homework each night (15-20 minutes). The class is designed to be a problem based class where you will be solving problems that you will see in everyday life. This is in an effort to help you make the connections you need to always remember the math you learn, not just to learn it for the test and then forget it...This class will put you on an academic path that will be beneficial not only in high school, but college as well. With hard work, a lot of discussion, and a great attitude, you will be very successful in this class.

Materials you will need EVERYDAY:

Composition Notebook (you will need 2 of these during the year. These are not spiral bound notebooks)

Pencil

Fine point markers (Crayola box of 10 is great, they are \$.99 at Walmart or Shopko)

Scissors

Math Textbook (I give this to you)

Class Rules

Teamwork

Respect and Responsibility

Intelligence

Best

Excellence

In order for the maximum amount of learning to take place there has to be respect between students and teachers. These rules will help ensure a safe learning environment where ideas can be exchanged and ideas and concepts can be understood. If there is a violation of these rules, the student will be warned, and if there is another incident, parents will be contacted. Just be awesome and you will have a great time in my class!

Grading

The math department uses the following grading scale:

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

59 & F

Grades will be determined from classroom assignments, tests, and quizzes. Grades will be weighted as follows: Assignments are 50% of their grade, Tests 40%, and Quizzes 10%. I will let students rework assignments, and tests for their score plus half credit. For example if they score a 50% on a test, and rework it to a 100% they will receive an additional 25% for the rework to equal a total of a 75%. Please check Powerschool regularly to ensure that all assignments are being turned in. I will update grades weekly.

Homework assignments are worth 10 points if they are completed. If a student tries but misses all problems they still get 10 points for making the effort to try. If an assignment is not complete you will not receive 10 points for that assignment. The only exception is when you have a question on 1 or maybe 2 problems. Have your parents initial those problems so I know you need help with those problems. Don't just leave them blank!

Extra Help

I will be available before school at 7:30 and after school until 4:30 most nights for extra help if you need it. Just let me know if you plan on staying after school during class that day.

Questions or Concerns

I want students and parents to feel like they can contact me with questions or concerns. I am available before and after school, and by email at catherine.sorensen@psd201.org or you can call me here at school before and after school, or from 2:35-3:45 during my prep hour. I am excited to be teaching your child, and together we can make this a successful school year.

Cut and return signed portion:

_____ Date _____

Student Signature

_____ Date _____

Parent Signature