

Math Expectations



To be successful in math...

- **Arrive to class on time** with your book, math notebook, pencil and eraser.
- **Take notes!** The math notebook is a tool that will help you tremendously on your homework if you take good notes and refer back to it often.
- **Fold your notebook paper or graph paper** to create boxes for each problem assigned to you. You can create small boxes or large boxes, just so long as each problem is in its own box. This will make it easier for me to see your work for each problem and it will help you to remain organized.
- **Put your first and last name** at the top right hand side of your paper with the date, lesson # and assigned problems.
- **Show your work!!** In order for me to identify where you are making mistakes, I need to see your work. It also helps you to avoid silly mistakes.
- **Triple check your work.** This is especially important on quizzes and tests. More often than not, silly errors due to a lack of checking over the work, is what causes students to do poorly on assignments and tests. Checking over the work doesn't mean to just look at it, you have to work through the entire problem twice, if not three times.
- **Calculators** may not be used unless you have been given teacher permission.
- **Ask lots of questions!!** Chances are someone else has the same question as you.
- **Avoid late or missing work.** Math requires daily practice. You will fall behind if you do not complete your assignments on time.
- **Redo assignments** with a 79% or lower.
- **Complete the Test Review.** Not only are you preparing for your test, but you can earn up to 5% extra credit on the test. See me for more details.
- **See me about receiving extra support before or after school. Your success is important to me!** 😊

A **quiz** will be given every 5 lessons completed in the Saxon math textbook. A **test** will be given every 10 lessons in place of the quiz.

Homework is assigned everyday. Although students have some time in class to work on the assignment, they will most likely need time each evening at home to complete it. Graded homework will be handed back to students. Tests will be filed in the student's homeroom work file. Homework is checked in class, but not all assignments are recorded as a grade.

Practicing math facts is essential.

If you have not mastered your multiplication and division facts, you should practice them daily at home. Spending 10 minutes a day using flashcards or an interactive math web site is strongly encouraged. You should be able to complete a multiplication math fact work sheet that contains 50 problems in less than 3 minutes.

Two helpful math web sites:

www.aaamath.com

www.mathplayground.com

To practice more advanced math concepts you may visit the following web site (Please add me as your coach using my personal email, mikeyj99@hotmail.com):

www.kahnacademy.org

For more helpful sites, Google "interactive math web sites for kids".

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