**Math 1 Syllabus**

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**Welcome to Math I classroom!**Simply stated, Math 1 is like a stepping stone to high school mathematics.  We work on continuing and refining the skills you learned at the middle school level, while building on to your foundation of knowledge to prepare you for the things to come. Math 1 is more than just formulas and procedures; it’s training your brain to think mathematically and develop new problem solving skills. In our Math 1 classroom, we will be using a discovery based learning concept.  This means there will be times where I will purposely not answer a question right away so that you are given the opportunity to discover the answer on your own. One thing I ask of you is that you ***approach this course with an open mind, willing and ready to learn***.  I look forward to this semester and to helping each one of you be successful in this class.

**Here are my expectations:**

* Do all homework the night it is assigned and **check** it in class the next day during the class discussion. Some homework is taken up for an actual grade while others are for a completion grade. On “Completion Homework” assignments, you may only receive full credit or no credit. This means that you are required to complete every problem in order to receive credit. If you do not complete a problem, you will not receive any credit because it is a completion assignment.  Homework is your easy grade and will help you out on tests. Make sure you bring it to class daily. AE is a great time to get it done. I will not complete your homework for you during AE. **Late homework is NOT accepted and you  will receive a zero.**
* Seek help **IMMEDITATELY!**If you do not understand today’s lesson, chances are you will not get tomorrow’s either.  **“I do not understand”** is not an excuse in this class. Attend Tutoring during AE on

Monday (1st Block), Wednesday (3rd Block),  and Friday (both blocks) to get extra help when you don’t understand what is being taught.

* **Limit absences!**.  If you are absent, then plan to see me during AE for tutoring for help with the missed lesson. You can get many of your missing assignments off my Google Classroom page.  I will also try to provide a copy of your missing work except quizzes and tests in the basket for your class period. If your assignment is not in the basket, it is still your responsibility to **ASK**  me for any material which you missed during an absence. You are expected to make up the homework assignment you missed as well as any classwork.  **You will still be expected to take quizzes and  tests on time**. The longer you wait to make up missing work, the harder the work becomes.
* Communicate with me and your parents.  We all want to help you succeed. If you have questions or concerns, come see me and talk to me.  I am here to help you do your best. The best way for parents to communicate with me is by email.
* Be responsible.  Follow school rules and use good judgment.  Be prepared for class, have your materials organized, and use class time wisely.  Be to class on time and use class change to visit friends or use the restroom.
* **Do not cheat** on Assessments or any assignment.  Appropriate consequence of a zero will be enforced.
* I expect all students to treat their peers, themselves, and me with respect.  You need to be courteous, **stay alert**, and keep all unnecessary comments to yourself.  Any assignments or notes not pertaining to my class will be confiscated.

**Classroom Rules**

1. When the bell rings you are expected to be in your seat prepared and ready to start class. Don’t be tardy.  The tardy bell policy will be strictly enforced.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given.  Participate and ask questions.
3. Respect the rights and property of others.
4. No cheating will be tolerated.  If you are caught cheating, you will receive a zero for the assignment and appropriate consequence will be enforced.  Cheating is the act of receiving information to use as your own and the act of giving information to be used by someone else.
5. **No eating or drinking will be allowed in the classroom.**  You may bring bottled water to drink and /or bottles with lids, but nothing else.
6. You are expected to remain in your seat until class is dismissed.The teacher dismisses you, not the bell.
7. **Electronic devices** are not to be seen, heard, or used in the classroom unless designated by the teacher. They will be confiscated and turned into the office.  This includes headphones.

**Grading**

**40% Tests:** Tests will cover chapter material and review material.  If you are out the day before a quiz or test and I cover new material, then you may make-up the test.  ***However***, if no new material is covered, you will still be expected to take the quiz or test on the scheduled day.  ALWAYS be prepared. If you are out the day of the test then you will be expected to take the test the day you return unless another day is designated by Mrs. Reese.

**There will be NO re-test, NO re-quiz, NO late work accepted, NO re-do on any assignments!** Mrs. Reese occasionally offers extra credit opportunities to the entire class and not to individuals.

**30% Quizzes, 20% Homework, and 10% Classwork:** Your chance to know how prepared you are for the test.  **You must show all work which supports your answers in order to receive credit**.

* I will post some notes, some toolkit entries, some homework, etc. on google classroom.  Your student will join Google Classroom during the first 2 weeks of school when they receive their laptops.  Have them show you their Google Classroom page. It is not open to the public so please ask your child for the code or email me.

**25% Final Exam:** You will take a NC EOC final exam, which covers all semester essentials.

Common Core Standards for the entire year are posted on our google classroom page.

 **Materials Needed:** 1 subject Spiral or Composition Notebook, Pencils, Loose leaf paper

**All work MUST be completed using only a pencil or it will not be accepted and you will receive a zero. I ALWAYS have pencils available to for students so there is no excuse for not completing assignments using only a pencil.**

* Please utilize PowerSchool and stay up to date on your child’s grades.  If you do not have access to PowerSchool, please contact Leigh Guill to get your password to sign up.  I do try to keep grades up to date and will also send home progress reports that go home every 3 weeks.

**Mrs. Reese’s    AE Schedule  12:30 – 1:00**

**Monday: Tutoring**                                                                                              **Tuesday: Club**

**Wednesday: Tutoring**

**Thursday: Tutoring**    **Friday: Tutoring**