

Junior High Math

2nd Quarter

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First quarter has officially ended and student report cards will be going home with your child on **Friday, October 24th**. This year, parent teacher conferences will be held on October 27th. October 27th is a nonattendance day for students. We are also off Tuesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day. Parent teacher conferences are optional, and an email outlining signup times was sent out this past week. We will have in-person and virtual/phone appointments available if you would like to schedule a conference.

*8th Grade Ms. Byrnes' Homeroom Procedures continue (for 115 students):

Breakfast is served at 7:30 every morning in the multi-purpose room. *Please note students' start time is 7:45 am. 8th Graders will continue to line up inside Room 115. Doors open at 7:30 am students are able to enter between 7:30-7:45 am. Dismissal is out the same door at 2:45 pm. Remember phones are not allowed on campus. All staff members are trained to confiscate any phone that is out on school grounds and send it to the office for a parent to pick up. Please make sure your email address is always updated with Mrs. Pienta to get up to date school announcements and newsletters.

Curriculum:

We continue in our new math series called enVision Math! EnVision Math is designed to fully address the Common Core State Standards. Within each topic, concepts are organized into lessons that align to clusters and build connections among the individual standards.

IXL: We will also be using a website called IXL. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math practice across thousands of skills-all which are aligned to the common core standards that aligns directly with our enVision Math textbook used in class daily. IXL provides a personalized learning experience, while motivating students through challenge,

competition, exploration, and reward. It allows students to explore new topics and strengthen math skills using interactive practice and examples. One of the best things about IXL is that your child can access it from home. Please encourage your child to share their progress with you. Recommendations are assigned on Thursday's and due the following Tuesday each week. Those recommendations are aligned with the lessons in our textbook. Students are to aim for a smart score of 80 or higher. Please note* Those assignments are able to be redone to earn a higher score. Encourage your child to persevere in problem solving and mastering each of those skills. Mastery of these skills will improve a student's overall success in the classroom. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your child's demonstrated understanding of the material. All of your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor their progress anytime by clicking on the Analytics tab. Students should allow about 20-30 minutes per recommendation. For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free mobile apps for Apple, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password. I hope you'll encourage your child to use IXL regularly. I look forward to a year of working together to make learning fun!

Homework:

Homework assignments will be written in student planners. It is the student's responsibility to have their planner every day and utilize it as a tool to stay organized. Expect 20-30 minutes of Math homework every night. Daily homework assignments will be from the student textbook, as well as their weekly IXL assignments. Students will have to keep track of their weekly IXL homework aka "recommendations" themselves. Reminders will be given on Mondays that all weekly IXL assignments are due the following day.

2nd quarter we will focus on the following:

6th Grade:

- Numeric and Algebraic Expressions

7th Grade:

- Analyze and Solve Percent Problems

8th Grade:

- Use Functions to Model Relationships

Planners and Absent Work:

Daily Planners were provided by the school and we will continue to use them to stay organized. Homework is written in every room on the homework chart. If your child is absent, please know there is a secretary keeping track of what they missed and what needs to be completed and handed in. This information along with any worksheets will be placed in their mailbox. Any tests missed due to absence will be on my front board and the student is responsible for finding time to make them up.

Grading:

The school wide system is on a 10 point scale: 90-100 is an A, 80-89 is a B, etc. Aspen will be updated weekly and needs to be monitored by a guardian and the student. As a school wide initiative, a proper heading is mandatory for work to be graded. Also, there are no individual extra credit opportunities, so please encourage your child to do their best and hand in all work on time throughout the entire quarter. A code of "Msg", with a value of zero, will show if there is missing work due to any reason. Absent work needs to be completed within a couple days upon return and late work will be accepted for reduced value up to 2 days late. A zero will be entered for group collaboration in the event of an absence.

Formative Assessments (Assignments, Exit Tickets)-40% Summative Assessments (Tests, Quizzes, Projects)-45% Group Collaboration-(turn-n-talks) 15%

Communication:

Email us if there are any concerns. You could also write us a note or call the school at 773-535-2640. We will get back to you within 24 hours.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lauren Byrnes