



Canutillo Middle School

8th Math

2015 – 2016

Welcome Letter/Syllabus

Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Salgado, Mr. Pacheco
Conference: 11:00 to 11:45 (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Please call 877-7900 for an appointment.
Appointments may also be made after school 4:00 – 4:30
on non-tutoring days.

WELCOME parents and students to the 2015-2016 academic school year!!! We are excited about working with your child and look forward to guiding them towards academic success. Our math classes have experienced many changes in the content and curriculum taught; as well as the resources available to your child. Together with your continued support, we can ensure a year of success and academic excellence.

GO EAGLES!!!!

COURSE DESCRIPTION: the primary focal areas in Grade 8 are proportionality, expressions, equations, and relationships, foundations of functions and measurement and data.

RESOURCES/TEXTBOOKS: Texas Go Math Grade 8 (Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt), Measuring Up Level H (People's Education, TI Graphing Calculator (Texas Instruments)

REPORTING CATEGORIES:

1. Numerical Representations and Relationships
2. Algebraic Relationships
3. Geometry and Measurement
4. Data Analysis & Personal Financial Literacy

MATERIALS:

2 Graphing Composition Notebooks (1 notebook per semester)

Pencils

1 Box of Kleenex

4 – AAA batteries (new)

AS PER THE CMS UNIVERSAL EXPECTATIONS, THE STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

BE RESPECTFUL:

- Follow classroom norms
- Use inside voice
- Follow dresscode
- Listen while others speak
- Use appropriate language

BE RESPONSIBLE:

- Be prepared with all materials
- Complete all assignments
- Follow directions
- **SLANT** (*Sit up, Lean forward, Ask questions, Nod your head, Track the speaker*)

BE SAFE:

- Maintain personal space
- Keep hands feet to yourself
- No food or drinks

CONSEQUENCES:

Choosing to break school or classroom rules will result in the following consequences:

1st offense: Verbal Reprimand

2nd offense: Conference with student, a Student Reflection, call to parents

3rd offense: Administrative Referral

**Severe infractions will result in immediate dismissal from class and referral to principal's office. Working together and following class rules will create a relaxed and safe atmosphere that is conducive to learning.*

CALCULATORS: This year the 8th grade students are very fortunate to use calculators in the classroom as well as on the state test, STAAR. The students will bring a District Asset Checkout Use Agreement for parents to sign. The signed agreement must be on file in order for the student to receive a calculator. If the calculator is lost or damaged it will be the financial responsibility of the parent or guardian.

HOMEWORK: All math work is to be done in **PENCIL ONLY**. No credit will be given for work done in pen. All homework will be turned in on a timely manner; furthermore, points will be deducted for every day that the assignment is late (excluding absences): 1 day late – 10 point deduction, 2 days late – 20 point deduction, after the 3rd day the assignment will receive a grade of zero. In order to be successful in math class, students will need to turn in work on a timely manner and practice good study habits.

All homework will be turned in at the beginning of the class period.

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK GRADE: Notebooks will be graded every 6 weeks at the end of each grading period. Students are required to keep notebooks organized and to bring their notebooks to class on a daily basis.

QUIZZES: There will be a minimum of 2 to 3 quizzes per week. Students are responsible for studying the current material for the week. In case of an absence, the student will need to make-up the quiz the following day during lunch or after school. Tests will be administered at the end of each unit/topic covered.

GRADING FORMULA: As per district policy, Daily Assignment and Quizzes will consist of 75% of the overall average and the remaining 25% will consist of Tests and Projects.

ABSENCES: The student will be allowed 2 days of make-up time for every day that he/she is absent. It is the student's responsibility to copy any notes they missed while absent from someone in their class. The student will copy the notes the following day during lunch, in the morning, or after school. **It is the student's responsibility to report to the teacher for any make-up work.**

TUTORING: All students must attend tutoring when average falls below a 75% or as suggested by the teacher. Please refer to the tutoring schedule for days and times.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Ms. Monica Crocker – Math Teacher

Approved: Mr. Mark Paz Principal