

Mrs. Anderson, 6th Grade Math
Class Expectations and Course Outline

Welcome to 6th Grade Math! This contains very important information that you will need to know in order to have a great year in math. Let me tell you a little bit about myself and my teaching experience. I may possibly be the biggest math nerd you will ever meet! I LOVE MATH!!! I have been married for 14 years and have an 11 year old daughter. I have a Master's degree in education from USM, and I have been teaching for eight years. Our classroom is equipped with a Promethean Board, ActivExpressions and Podcasting equipment. This technology provides an energizing and exciting approach to teaching and learning all subjects, but especially math.

new.schoolnotes.com - This is especially for parents to know what we are up to! I will update this website weekly with info such as:

- Weekly lessons and Homework assignments
- Upcoming test/project due dates and Important school news and dates
- OGMS weekly goal and daily procedures
- Class pictures, podcasts, vodcasts etc. and web LINKS we use in class & other “just cool stuff”

Classroom Expectations:

- Come to class prepared to learn MATH!
- Show respectful behavior to everyone & apply your very best effort in everything you do.
- Set high goals for yourself, tell them to someone, and write them in your planner!
- Raise your hand to be called on. (Ask for what you need, I can't read your mind.)
- Only leave your seat when it is *immediately necessary*.

Necessary Daily Materials:

- **PENCILS!** And erasers MATH + ASSIGNMENTS = PENCILS ONLY!! **NO PENS**
- Your **SPIRAL** notebook
- Homework, if you had any the night before AND a Highlighter (used for checking answers.)
- Your PLANNER and “CHOP” folder (Can't Hide Our Pride – OGMS 2010-2011 Theme)

Daily Class Routine:

- Come in quietly and go directly to your seat.
- Pass in your homework
- Get out your SPIRAL & begin your m-POD (math-problem of the day)
- We will quickly go over the m-POD. **I will grade it occasionally**, be sure to participate!
- Get out a highlighter & We will check and go over homework
- Today's Lesson /Lesson Quick Quiz

MATH SPIRAL:

You will have ONE 5-Subject SPIRAL notebook to use **ONLY** for **MATH!** We will use the first section for m-POD and the other four sections for each of the four 9 week terms. Please do NOT use this notebook for any other drawing or writing. Also, the spiral wiring keeps the papers IN the notebook...**DO NOT TEAR ANY PAPER OUT!** When you have a test or get ready to do your homework, *you will use in this SPIRAL as your study guide for great examples and lesson notes on exactly how to work your math problems. This is very helpful if you get stuck on a homework problem, or forget how to do something, and especially for reviewing and studying for tests.* Be sure to use each section for what that section is dedicated to be used for! I hope this will help teach you to become more organized, and to consistently keep information in specific places.

BELLWORK aka **m-POD**: Each day when you enter class, you will have a word problem I like to call our “m-POD.” That's short for “**Math-Problem of the Day.**” All m-POD questions will be 4th or 5th-grade word problems that most students will know how to do. M-POD is QUICK! (Maybe 5 minutes!) **If your solution is incorrect, you must make corrections when we go over it.** Reviewing previously learned skills will help you remember how to solve the problems and maintain those math skills! **I will grade it occasionally**, so make sure you are participating! The m-POD is the **FIRST** section of your Math Spiral.

Daily LESSON NOTES : During class each day, you will write notes from the lesson. (Don't worry, I'll tell what you need to write down *until you are used to it!*) Your notes will be in ORDER and will include: **lesson number and title**, necessary lesson **vocabulary**, **EXAMPLES**, step by step how-to-solve **instructions**, your guided **practice problems**, and problems you will work all on your own.

Homework:

Each MONDAY, before you begin your m-POD, you will get out your PLANNER and write down the homework assignments for the entire WEEK, along with any upcoming important dates. Math is not a “spectator sport.” That means you can't just sit back and watch me or your classmates work the problems..... **YOU have to DO math to LEARN math!** You will have homework almost every night, Monday through Thursday. You will only have a FEW problems to do, and I expect for you to do ALL of them. **HOWEVER, I do NOT want you to spend more than 30 minutes on your math homework!!!!** In cases where you have earnestly tried each problem, referenced your SPIRAL for lesson notes and examples, gotten help from a parent or other capable person, and you STILL can't get it.....Put your homework in your backpack and COME SEE ME BEFORE SCHOOL the next morning! I do not want anyone stressed out about math homework. I get to school early each morning. I even offer tutoring Monday/Wednesday/Thursday mornings from 7:50-8:10 if you need more instructional time. All of this to say, PLEASE don't spend hours worrying with math homework! Get some help!

*******See the HOMEWORK FORMAT EXAMPLE page we taped in your spiral!!!!*******

ALL MATH WORK must be done in **PENCIL**, and **on loose leaf notebook paper**.

You will follow this FORMAT for each homework assignment:

- **Label** your paper with your **name, your number, date, and assignment**
- Write **EACH** problem (use the lines on the paper to keep each problem neat and straight, also you CAN write on the back of the page)
- **Show ALL your work** for that problem WITH that problem
- **CIRCLE** your final answer

HOMEWORK GRADES: I give 2 daily grades per week for homework: 1 RANDOM daily grade when I grade one night's homework for accuracy and 1 WEEKLY daily grade(100pts) that consists of: 20 pts- MONDAY for having planner & writing assignments & important dates, then 20 pts for turning in completed homework each day (Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Fri.) Points will be deducted per day if necessary according to these guidelines:

- 20pts Nothing turned in for what ever reason
- 10pts Not following FORMAT
- 5 up to -20pts Skipped or Unattempted problems

All students will get 3 homework passes each 9 weeks for those EMERGENCIES we all have from time to time. However, they are YOUR responsibility to keep up with and to use them WISELY!! Passes count exactly the same as turning in homework.

Continuous Incomplete/No Homework will NOT be tolerated! Break detention will be assigned for not having homework, followed up with a parent phone call, and the student's signature in the NO Homework Notebook. After 3 occurrences, the student will get a short form and begin climbing the discipline ladder. HOMEWORK IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Absences:

According to the LCSD handbook, you have the same number of days as you were absent to complete and turn in all missed assignments or tests for any excused absences. The day you return,

- 1.) COPY your lesson notes from a study buddy
- 2.) Check the “While you were out??” folder for any worksheets/handouts
- 3.) READ the lesson in your take-home book, study your notes and do the homework for each missed lesson.

**** Missed homework assignments are expected to be completed and turned in****

If you are absent on a Monday, be sure to write the homework assignments for the week and important dates in your planner. If you missed a lesson and do not understand it, it is your responsibility to seek help.

Missing Something? Papers with NO NAME will be THROWN IN THE TRASH!!!!!!