

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics**  
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Dear Smart Student:

My name is Ms. Kalb, and I would like to welcome you back to school. I am very excited to begin the new school year. If we work together, I am sure that this will be your best school year ever! Every day is a chance to do your best. Always remember that I am here to help you and to see that every day is successful for both of us.

In order for this to be a super year, it is important that you be prepared! Below are some suggestions and notebook guidelines which will be very helpful to you:

### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED MATERIALS**

- ❖ One 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 inch 3-ring binder with 3-hole punched white filler paper
- ❖ One pack of Sheet Protectors - 20 count
- ❖ One pack of 5 tab dividers
- ❖ Pencils - NO PENS!!!

### **GENERAL SUGGESTIONS**

1. Bring your "CONNECTED MATHEMATICS" book to class each day.
2. Bring your pencil to class each day. NO PENS!!!!
3. Bring your 3-ring binder filled with 3-hole punched white filler paper to class each day.
4. Keep your 3-ring binder organized!!! Do all of your math problems on the 3-hole punched white lined filler paper and keep these papers in your binder. Keep all assignments in order.

## GRADING SCALE

A 90-100	Excellent!	C 70-79	Average
B 80-89	Above Average	D 60-69	Below Average
	F 0-59	Failing	

60% -- Assessments (tests and quizzes), Projects, Performance Assessment Tasks

40% -- Class Work, Group Assignments, Group Quizzes, Homework Assignments

\*\*\* Homework assignments are given throughout the week, and points are earned for completion. These points are totaled and weighted each marking period to arrive at a numerical grade. \*\*\*

**Grades will be updated weekly and can be checked on my online gradebook at <https://hac.doe.k12.de.us/homeaccess/>.**

## HOW TO DO HOMEWORK

1. Check what assignment you should be doing.
2. Read the directions carefully. Be sure you know exactly what you should be doing.
3. Do your work in pencil. We all make mistakes, but they are easily corrected in pencil, and it's neater.
4. If I give you worksheets to do:
  - a. Write your name and date on them as soon as you get them.
  - b. Write any special directions I give you on the front of the worksheets.
  - c. Keep your worksheets together in your binder.
5. Make homework corrections! Set them off in a column next to each problem. That way you can clearly see the correct solution and your errors. Underline your mistakes.

## WHAT TO DO IN CLASS

1. Listen carefully to instructions and discussions. Always be sure you understand what is being said. If you don't understand, ASK!!!
2. Do problems in class neatly.
3. Participate in class.
4. Work cooperatively with your partners.
5. If you get stuck when solving a problem, always ask your partners for ideas before calling me over to your group.  
"Three Before Me!"

## CLASSROOM RULES

1. Be in class on time.
2. Bring materials to class.
3. Complete assignments on time.
4. Follow directions.
5. Listen attentively.
6. Raise hand before speaking.
7. No cursing.
8. No gum or candy.
9. Try your BEST every day.
10. Be happy!!!

If you have any questions or problems, please come see me immediately. I know that you are going to try your best every day. This is going to be the BEST math class you have ever had!!! Remember - if we work **together**, we can have a SUPER year!!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kalb