

# Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

with Mr. White and Mrs. Brown (formerly Ms. McGrew) (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

*Accept the Challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of Victory* —George S. Patton

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Canvas website: <https://mcsd.instructure.com/courses/95714>

## CLASSROOM GOAL

I believe *all students have the ability to learn and to be successful*. My goal this year is to have all students recognize their mathematical power.

## SUPPLIES

- 1 Ring Binder just for Math Class, approximately 2" to hold your printed out materials and core bite book.

\* **You MUST have PAPER and PENCIL/PEN each day, please do not come to class without a writing utensil, no markers.**

## CALCULATORS

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math requires the use of calculators. The Texas Instruments **Ti-30XS MultiView** will be provided in the classroom and for testing. It would be very beneficial for each student to have one at home. If you purchase a calculator make sure to get the exact model, **Ti-30XS MultiView** it is available locally for about \$16 or Amazon for \$15.

## CLASS ORGANIZATION

Binder: Each student will receive hole-punched pages that have to be placed in the ring binder and will serve as the class workbook. Each student will also receive a bound and hole-punched daily warm-up book to place in the ring binder as well. **You must bring this binder to class every day.**

## Textbook

Muscogee County School District has adopted a new math textbook and online materials. I will be incorporating these new materials into my current math curriculum this year. I have already incorporated parts of the new text into my printed materials and will continue to expand upon it as the year progresses. All students will be issued a new consumable math text called GO MATH.

## Please SIGN UP for REMIND

If you would like to receive text or email reminders for upcoming test and project dates, simply complete the following steps:

For text reminders, send a text message to  
**81010**

With the message:

**@vmms8math**

For email reminders, send an  
email to:

[vmms8math@mail.remind.com](mailto:vmms8math@mail.remind.com)

You will receive a reply text asking for your name and if you are a student, parent, or teacher. Thanks!

## RULES

All VMMS rules will apply in our classroom.

## PROCEDURES

### **At the beginning of class:**

Locate the Warm-up activity as you enter the room (on Smart Board and/or white board).

1. Be seated and quiet. (This increases productivity and decreases homework)
2. Begin your Smart Start.

### **During class:**

1. Sharpen your pencil when necessary. You do not need permission.
2. Save trash until after class and throw it away on the way out. (Saves time = less homework)
3. Bathroom/water/nurse/locker policy:
  - Your time is valuable, please use it wisely. Get water on the way and bring your materials each day.
  - Remember, I don't teach math in the restroom so limit trips to the bathroom when possible.

### **At the end of class:**

1. Pack up your belongings only after you have been asked to do so.
2. Prepare for your next class by sharpening pencils, etc.
3. Clean the area around your desk and throw trash away as you leave.

## Grading

\*Quizzes/Tests 60%

\*Homework/Classwork/Participation 40%

## Homework

Homework is kept to a minimum and often going over one's practice quiz/test will be the only homework for the week. I feel that student's time outside of school is very important, therefore I make every attempt to preserve the student's home time for family and extracurricular activities.

**If you are absent:** Please check the website for the missed assignment and also check with me about any other information you may have not been present for. \*\*\*See front page for website and Canvas site\*\*\*

## PROMISES TO STUDENTS

- I will always **believe in your ability to succeed**. This means **my expectations are high**. I will demand your best at all times.
- **I will listen to you**. I ask that you bring questions, concerns or comments to me in a calm, respectful manner at the appropriate time. Individual concerns should be addressed in individual conferences that can be arranged by seeing me before or after class.
- **I will respect you**, and I will insist that **others respect you** in our class. Please let me know, in an individual conference, if you ever feel disrespected.
- I will never assign work unless I can explain why it is important. **I do not believe in busy work**.
- **I will work hard!** I took this job because I **love** teaching, I **love** math, and I **love** my students.
- I will learn from you. **You are smart** people, and each of **you bring experiences and perspectives** to the class that will benefit the group. Please share your viewpoint every day!
- If you ever feel I am doing a poor job of living up to these promises, please schedule an individual conference with me. I work very hard to make sure that I am true to my word.