August 22, 2016

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I am looking forward to working with you and your children this year. This letter outlines some important information to know regarding your child’s math class this year.

The units covered in 6th grade math are as follows:

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| ***1st Nine Weeks******Rational Numbers and the Coordinate Plane******Multiply and Divide Rational Numbers******Addition and Subtraction of Integers******Personal Financial Literacy*** | ***2nd Nine Weeks******Multiplication and Division of Integers******Understanding Proportions******Proportions and Percents******Statistical Measures and Displays – Part I*** |
| ***3rd Nine Weeks******Statistical Measures and Displays – Part II******Algebra: Multiple Representations******Algebra: Expressions******Algebra: Equations and Inequalities*** | ***4th Nine Weeks******Develop Geometry with Algebra******STAAR Review******Probability******Personal Financial Literacy*** |

**MY WEBSITE:** <https://sfisd.instructure.com/eportfolios/13/Home>

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** In order to keep a positive, productive learning environment for all students, the following rules will be followed at all times.

1. Be in your seat with all of your materials when the door closes/class begins.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
4. Be courteous and respectful.
5. Follow all school rules.

**BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES:** If a student chooses not to follow the above procedures, I will discuss their behavior with them. In addition to parent contact, they may be assigned afterschool detention and for extreme or persistent behavior, an office referral.

**GRADES:** Grades will be determined as follows:

Homework 10%

Quizzes/Classwork 40%

Mastery (Tests/Projects) 50%

Please see the SFJH Grading Policy for additional detailed information including deductions for late work.

**HOMEWORK:** Homework will be posted on my website and announced on Fridays along with due dates for the following week, although there may be times that an assignment started during class may need to be completed for homework the same night. ***Work must be shown in order to receive credit,*** and all math work should be done in ***PENCIL ONLY.***

**MAKE UP WORK:** Math is a subject that builds on each previous topic. When a student is absent, it is critical that work be made up in a timely manner (one day for each day absent). Make up work often requires the student to attend tutorials to receive detailed instructions or assistance.

**TUTORIALS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:35 – 3:25. This is an opportunity for students who may need help on a particular topic or who may need instruction after having been absent. It is also a time for making up missed tests/assignments due to absence.

**TEXTBOOK:** We have a math text that we use in class as a resource. As soon as they are available, students will receive their logins for the online version of the math textbook as well.

**ONLINE VIDEOS:** Part of our instruction in math class will consist of math instructional videos. These will be posted on my website. This is a great opportunity for students (and parents) to pause and watch the videos as many times as they would like to increase their understanding. They are also a great review tool for students when getting ready for a test.

**WEB PAGE /CONTACT INFORMATION:**  Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. You may contact me through my teacher website (see above), directly by school e-mail (Kathleen.Hector@sfisd.org), or at 409-925-9365.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with all of you!

Mrs. Hector