

Pre-Algebra 8th Grade Course Expectations

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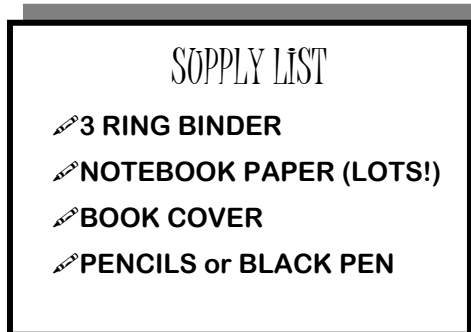
Website: www.mrvmath.com

So, you want to do well this year in math? Had difficulties in the past? Not your favorite subject? Of course, no one would expect you to like a subject you do not do well in! However, everything is up to you this year! If you put in the effort each day, pay attention in class, take neat, organized, and complete notes, study and complete homework each day it is assigned, and study for exams and quizzes, you will be successful in math and you may even enjoy the class! Once you stop preparing for class each day, you will fall behind, struggle understanding the material, and do poorly on tests and quizzes. And because math builds upon material already learned, once you fall behind you will have to work twice as hard to catch up! It's a lot easier to stay current with the material! Below are the things that you need to keep in mind to have a great year. Keep this paper handy in your notebook to review to make sure you are doing all that you can to have a great year! Good luck!

SUPPLY LIST: You will be expected to have and maintain a 3-ring binder with divisions and notebook paper in it. This notebook will be used to take notes, write and store homework assignments, and keep graded tests and quizzes, and handouts. You may use pencil or a pen (blue or black ONLY) to do your work. It needs to be without cross-outs and smudges. In addition, you must keep your textbook covered at all times. Plan to leave your textbook at home. You will use it mostly for homework assignments. I will let you know when you will need it for class.

Organize your math notebook with the following sections:

- **Notes:** You will be expected to take notes in class, keeping them organized in the notebook. Make sure they are complete and make sense to you! Do not copy down things you don't understand! They will not help you when you review. Don't forget to include examples put on the board. This is where quiz and test problems can come from!
- **Quizzes/Tests:** All quizzes and tests will be returned so that you can use them to review for future quizzes and tests.
- **Handouts/Homework:** Any material provided as homework or handouts should be kept organized for future reference.



*This notebook will be collected at least once a quarter and graded for completeness, organization, and neatness.

Calculators: Calculators have a purpose and are useful at the right time. They also are over used and inefficient a lot of the time. As a result, we will use them only when it is appropriate. At the beginning of the year, calculators will not be needed for homework, tests, quizzes, or class work. However, when the arithmetic becomes more difficult, the class will be utilizing graphing calculators. These will be available for student use during class and after school during extra help.

Quizzes: There will be a weekly quiz every Friday. The material covered will come from the week's work as well as review problems from previous quizzes/tests/ handouts/homework.

Tests: Tests will be given approximately 2-3 times per quarter covering major sections or chapters. Use past quizzes and homework problems to study for tests.

Homework: Homework will be assigned approximately 3-4 times per week. It will be reviewed the next day in class and should be kept in the notebook. Homework needs to show original problems, work, and answers organized neatly. Make sure to write the page number and problems at the top of the page, as well as your name and block. To review the homework guidelines, go to www.mrvmath.com/studytips.htm

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Absences: If you are absent, assignments can be obtained either by checking the Internet website for the class: www.mrvmath.com or checking the agenda book kept on Mr. V's desk before or after the class. Any handouts can be picked up from the paper rack or, in some cases, downloaded from the website. Any homework that should be turned in should be put in the folder next to my desk. If you are going to miss multiple days during the school year because of trips or vacations, it is your responsibility to get the homework during your absence and turn it in when you return. Homework and classwork can not be provided in advance because the assignments are based upon the day to day progress of each class. Any missed quizzes must be made up within 2 days of your return.

Missed quizzes/tests: If you miss a quiz or test, a make-up will be given on the day you return. In the case of extended absences, a suitable day for make-up will be determined between the teacher and yourself.

Student Assessment:

35% Tests

20% Quizzes

15% Homework

20% Notebook

10% Participation

100% Quarter Grade

So, you want to do well in math??? You want that good grade? If you are willing to put forth the time to review and practice every day, you won't be disappointed!



"YOU THINK YOU DESERVE PARTIAL CREDIT??!"