

R.C. Murphy Junior High School

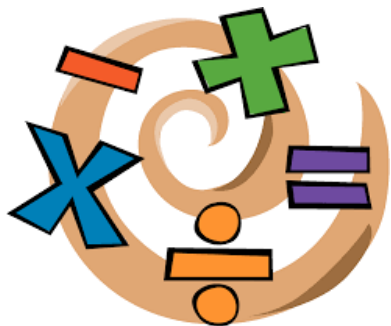
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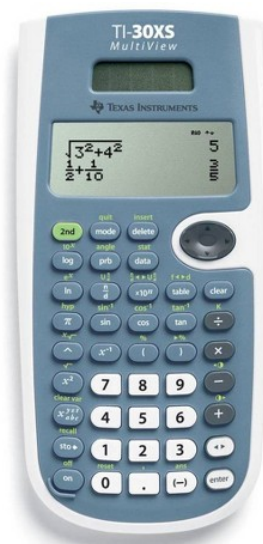
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Supplies:

- A three ring binder with some loose leaf paper
- Pencils with erasers
- Either a TI-30XS Multiview calculator (preferred) OR a TI-30X IIS scientific calculator
- A ruler

Course Description: This pre-algebra course of study includes topics in number sense and operations, algebra, linear equations, inequalities, proportional relationships, functions, transformational geometry, Pythagorean Theorem, plane geometry, and statistics with an emphasis on algebraic problem solving applications. Students successfully completing this course will take Algebra I or Algebra I Lab the next year.



Grading Composition:

- Each quarter grade is calculated as follows:
 - Homework - 10% (Students must show work. No work means no credit.)
 - Every students starts each quarter with a 100 for their homework Grade.
 - For every missed homework, the student will lose 5 points from this grade.
 - Homework can be handed in late for half-credit.
 - Quizzes - 30%
 - Tests - 60%
 - If someone is absent the day of a quiz or test, the student will make-up the quiz/test when they return, with no loss of points due to lateness.

Course Workload:

Homework is an important part of a student's education, and it is especially important in math! It is very important to practice the skills you have learned in class.

- When absent, all homework assignments are expected to be made up before the unit test.
- Work must be shown on homework assignments unless otherwise specified.

Assessing student progress is a crucial part of learning. It is used to identify student areas of strength and weakness. All grades will be posted on the parent portal.

- Students will be notified of all major tests and quizzes in advance as well as them being posted on the portal.
- If absent from school on the day of a test or a quiz, students will be required to complete the assessment as soon as possible in the testing room.

Extra Help

Extra help will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays before school at 7:15AM. If this time does not work, please let me know so we can schedule something different.

General Expectations

- Appropriate behavior.
- You MUST bring your materials to class EVERY DAY.
- Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Respect for your peers and all teachers.
- Demonstrate responsibility. If you make a mistake, own up to it, fix it, and try to not let it happen again.
- No shouting out answers - allow other time to think.
- One person speaks at a time.
- Copying assignments and/or cheating is NOT tolerated. If someone is caught cheating I will contact home, as well as the dean where further action will be taken.
- Work with me as I work with you.

This will be an interesting and exciting year. If we all work together we can make it go as smoothly as possible.

The best way to contact me is through email. I will do my best to respond within 24 hours. If you would like to speak to me by phone, I'd be happy to call, just email me with a time and a phone number that works best for you.