

Math and Literature Information for Parents

Dear Parent(s),

The following is information that the students have been given in class about their math (7,8) and literature (8) curriculum that I would like you to be aware of. Please read through the information below and return only the signature form at the end. The following information will also be on my web site (coatesmeister.org). If you need to contact me either leave a message with the secretary if it is urgent or e-mail me at lcoates@smmomaha.org.

Thank you.

Mrs. Coates

JUNIOR HIGH MATH GUIDELINES (7,8)

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

2 **sharpened** pencils

Book covered and labeled

6" ruler

assignment notebook

black, wide-ruled composition notebook (no other subject is to be in it)

red pen

calculator (scientific)

wide-ruled paper

GRADING: 1/3 - Homework, 1/3 - Quizzes, 1/3 – Tests

HOMEWORK: Homework is assigned every night . The assignment sheet for the week is handed out on the first day of the week. It includes all of the assignments, test and quiz dates, and vocabulary needed. The vocabulary is copied in the composition notebook for the next day. This will be checked during the vocabulary check each day. You are to use the notes to help answer the vocabulary questions. If you choose to work ahead, be sure that you ask if there are any specific directions to be followed. Work is to be shown unless otherwise indicated. There will be a quiz each week unless a test is given. The weekly homework grade will be determined by taking the average of the grades on assignments for the week. Late or incomplete work will have 10% taken off for each day it is not done and homework detention given. Work is due the following day if absent. A schedule will be set up for turning in work if absent for more than two days. Redoing the problems that were incorrect can raise any scores on daily assignments. These are to be done on a separate sheet of paper. Turn in the corrected problems and the original paper stapled. Half of the missed percentage points will be added to the original grade. Corrections can be turned in at any time after assignments are returned. However, if these corrections are to count for the quarter, they must be in one week before the end of the quarter and never more than 2 corrections turned in per day.

MATH HELP: Math Assistance Available

- 1) Evens for assignment are done together in class to provide a guideline for the odds done as an assignment.
- 2) Evens done in class are video taped and available on web site to view again as needed. An archive of the previous lessons is kept also for review purposes.
- 3) The answers to the odds are in the back of the textbook to assist students as they work towards the answer.
- 4) When papers are checked there are indications given on the paper to show where the work was done incorrectly.
- 5) Daily assignments can be redone at any time. Half of the points can be earned back. Just the problems missed are corrected.
- 6) Web pages that can assist with the learning of the concepts presented and the homework are indicated on web site.
- 7) Test and quiz corrections are done in class time to cover concepts that were missed on those quizzes and tests. One third of the points can be earned back.
- 8) Lesson plans are given at the beginning of each week on a typed sheet, on the Internet, and copied in assignment notebook so that there is time to prepare for tests and quizzes.
- 9) After school help is available from me on Tuesdays and Thursdays and in the second semester on Wednesdays. Sr. Margaret is available M - Th. after school for help. If seeing Sr. Margaret a schedule has to be set up.
- 10) Students can submit questions about homework or other concerns on the website and I can answer via e-mail.
- 11) There is a remedial math program that involves a repeat of pre-algebra in eighth grade that can be used if a student finds the curriculum (algebra) too difficult. This would be determined at the end of seventh grade.

TESTS AND QUIZZES: Corrections are made on all quizzes and tests. One third of the missed percentage points will be added to the original grade. Corrections must be done on a separate sheet of paper. Both the corrections and original quiz or test and answer sheet must be returned with corrections stapled to the front. Corrections are done in class the day after you receive a test or quiz back. If you are absent then the corrections are due the next day after you receive the graded quiz or test. If your parent(s) wants to see a copy of the quiz or test, an e-mail request or note can be sent. All homework is returned to you and is available for your parent(s) to look at.

EXTRA CREDIT: Extra credit points are earned through the vocabulary checks and applied to weekly averages on assignments.

COMPUTERS: Computer programming and the use of commercial programs that allow the student to investigate, explore, and develop problem solving strategies are part of the curriculum for math.

Signature Form

Math / Literature Information for Parents

Student Name _____

Please have your son/daughter be aware of a phone number that they can leave a message at that will be checked before the end of the school day. If they have a homework detention and cannot reach you, then we ask that they leave a message for you about the detention. If you wish, you can enter the number below and I can use it as a reminder for them.

Phone number _____

Parent Signature _____