

Students and Parents,

First and foremost, welcome to 7th Grade! I hope you are as excited about the school year as I am! Now on to the stuff you really want to know...

Do you give homework? Sometimes (sorry!) I can assure you, however, that I do not assign work that I am not CONFIDENT that you will be successful with at home. In most cases we will practice new concepts over the course of a few days, and once I feel good about your level of understanding, I will assign something for you to do outside of class. Of course, like any good mathematician, I can ALWAYS come up with problems for you to work on at home should you feel like you need more practice!!!

Do we get to work in groups? YES! In fact, sometimes your peers make the best teachers of all. Not only do we sit at tables in class, but you will also complete center work in groups, and will play many games in groups. That being said, you are assessed as individuals, so it is important that if you do not understand a concept that you please ask questions!

How will I be graded? 50% Assessments and 50% Practice Work (homework, classwork, etc.)

What if I do poorly on a test? No problem, everyone has a bad day. In this class, you are given the opportunity to retest. Depending on the outcome of all students in the class, this may be done during class, before/after school, or during some other agreed upon time. We are working towards mastery, so I encourage each of you to continue to try. Not everyone learns at the same pace, so please retest as necessary.

What are your classroom policies? RESPECT. While you are in my classroom, I ask that you be respectful - of me, of your peers, of school property, etc. Disrespectful behavior will be handled following the floor and school procedures.

What if I am absent? No problem! Every day I post the notes for the day as well as any handouts that I gave in class. You can go onto my website and print off anything that you missed, and with a little reminder, I can catch you up during the opener. If you are unable to print the materials, hard copies will be provided.

What if I just don't get it? Come see me. We will arrange a time that works for both of us to get you some extra help.

Communication: Questions, concerns - please call the school or send me an email, joel.kessinger@hardin.kyschools.us. For daily notes and handouts, please follow my website - kessingermath.weebly.com! You may also gain access to my website through the JTA webpage.

If you have any additional questions that I did not address, please let me know. I look forward to a wonderful year with each of you, and I hope you enjoy math class as much as I do ☺

Sincerely,
Mr. Kessinger