**Math 2017 – 2018 VJMJ Mrs. McGraw**



**Expectations:**

1. **You were made in the image of God – be ladies and gentlemen.**
2. **You are blessed with body, mind and soul - be timely, be prepared, be attentive, be ready to work.**
3. **You are blessed with imagination and a sense of humor – find joy in what we do.**
4. **You are human – ask questions, ask for help, simply do your best.**
5. **You have been given much, much will be expected of you – participate, assist, lead, succeed.**

**General flow of class work and homework:**

* 1. **Warm up problems –**
		1. **Immediately upon entering class**
		2. **Test understanding of material we have covered**
		3. **Often look “exactly” like test questions!**
	2. **Correct homework.**
	3. **Update scorecard – kids are responsible for the grades they earn and for accurately recording them in a timely manner. Missing grades on your scorecard? “0” in Powerschool.**
	4. **Homework and warm up grades will be averaged weekly – these are the grades entered into the grade book. At all times, you will know how you are doing/your math grade, by simply looking at your scorecard and at Powerschool.**
	5. **New Lesson - Take good notes – FYI: Notebooks collected periodically for a grade.**
	6. **Run through examples and get started on homework.**
	7. **Tests**
		1. **Roughly every 7 – 10 school days**
		2. **Problems should be corrected (just like homework) – no extra credit for doing so (generally) – just extra learning – it’s your job.**

**Grading Structure: 70% Tests; 15% homework; 15% class work**

**Students, important pointers………**

1. **We correct our own work. Your work, your corrections, on your honor.**
2. **When absent: It is the student’s responsibility to find out what the missing HW was, get it done in a timely manner, and get it corrected. Update the scorecard. Every week we average our Warm Up and HW grades.**
3. **Always show your work in Math. Unless it is painfully obvious, it’s very important to show your work – it shows if you understand the concept or not. You still need to get the correct answer, though! ☺**
4. **Neat and tidy counts in everything – especially Math.**
5. **Circle your answer – this makes it perfectly clear what your answer is (after you show all your work).**
6. **Label as appropriate – it will be a critical part of the answer sometimes. i.e. Sq. ft.**
7. **Did I mention that you should show all your work?**
8. ***When taking notes, follow my instruction closely from the board. We learn by listening, writing things down, practicing, memorizing, teaching others, etc. All of these things help us to learn. I hope to help you become good note takers – it will make you good listeners too! A skill you’ll need for life.***

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**Mathematics is the language in which God has written the universe.**

[***Galileo Galilei***](http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Galileo_Galilei/) ***- Italian astronomer & physicist (1564 - 1642)***