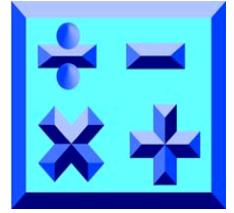


Welcome to Wellesley Middle School Grade 7 Math

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*“As soon as you understand 2×4 you can't believe there was a time when you didn't understand it.
“-- Cynthia Copeland Lewis , Really important stuff my kids have taught me , 1994*

Approach to Mathematics

Our goal is to prepare you to use math effectively in the world. We'll be using the Connected Math Program (CMP), a standards based curriculum, which is focused on problem solving while giving students the opportunity to develop computational fluency. You will be actively engaged in discovering concepts and developing skills by working on complex problems individually and collaboratively. For more information about CMP, I strongly recommend visiting their website:

<http://connectedmath.msu.edu/parents/>

Class Rules:

- Respect and responsibility for yourself, for others, and for our environment

Expectations:

- You are expected to take risks and make mistakes
- You are expected to put in your best effort
- You are expected to communicate about how you solve problems in groups, in class, and in writing
- You are expected to collaborate effectively with partners and groups

Supplies: You are expected to bring the following to class every day:

- A graph paper notebook for Math (best if it is already has binder holes punched)
- 3-ring binder with a math section in it
- Your iPad
- An ample supply of sharpened pencils with erasers or erasable pens (I recommend getting a box of at least 72 pencils)
- A correcting pen (any color other than black)
- A scientific calculator (required in class every day)
- Your math book

Supplies will be checked regularly as part of the process grade.



Website: I post a lot of information about the class on my website.
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In addition, my website contains a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section that answers many questions about class policy, such as homework requirements, test and quiz makeup policy, extra help policy, skills mastery, and other information. I strongly encourage you and your parents to review this information.

Posted assignments and calendar: All of the daily assignments (both classwork and homework) will be posted on Google Classroom. Any handouts will be available on Google Classroom. This will be the most up-to-date listing of the assignments. Since parents do not have access to Google Classroom, I plan on updating a class calendar on my website. Generally I update this calendar on Sunday night, but I don't usually modify it during the week, so the most correct information will be on Google Classroom.

Absences: If you are absent for one or two days, you are still required to complete the work you missed-- both classwork and homework. ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND HANDOUTS ARE ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM-- it is not acceptable to say that you didn't know what you missed because you were absent. In case of a longer absence, we can work out a plan for completing necessary work.

Weekly message: I try to email a weekly message to parents to let them know what is going on in math class for the following week. If your parents or guardians do not get an email from me by the beginning of October, please fill out my contact information form so that I can put them on my email list. (Your child should go to my website and click on the Student Contact Information Form at the bottom of the page.

Note to parents: I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions, or if you just want to discuss your student's progress in class. The best way to get in touch is through email, which I read frequently. I will try to respond to you within 48 hours. Sometimes if I get a lot of emails I may miss one, so feel free to send another.

Also, I assume that all students have regular internet access at home. If this is not the case, please let me know.