

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH SYLLABUS

semester 2

Welcome back to Second Semester - a fresh start! Most procedures remain the same in the math classroom; however, a few have changed so read below carefully.

Tests

Each unit will have an end-of-unit test. Review packages and solutions for end-of-unit tests are available on the math classroom website. The purpose of review packages is to help students study for the test. Accordingly, review packages are due the day of the test and are not accepted after the test date. Students **MUST** study material on Mondays during Home Study and are encouraged to review their notes each night. Graded tests must be signed and returned by a parent within 2 days. Tests must also be returned with corrections within 2 days. All incorrect corrections must be re-worked with new answers and all work showing. A sample of an acceptable returned test is available at Team Straus (FAQ).

Students who have submitted all homework for the unit and a retake form are eligible for a retake. Retake forms must be returned with signed tests within 2 days and retake tests must be written within one week of the original test being returned to students.

Test dates are written in the classroom on the calendar, written in agendas, emailed to parents, and posted on Ms. Straus' Twitter page.

Home Study

Students will be given a menu of activity choices each month on a particular unit they have studied. Students must complete one menu activity each Monday Home Study day and turn it in on Tuesday. Activities are not automatically given full credit if turned in on time and are graded using the rubric given to students in class. Students must be completing Monday Home Study. As such, Home Study turned in late is automatically worth half-credit based on the work's rubric grade. The overall grade for the unit menu is compiled at the end of the month by adding each week's activity grade. Menus will be given in class and will also be available for download at Team Straus.

How Parents Can Help

- ☞ Please check your child's grades regularly on Jupiter Grades (sign up for weekly emails)
- ☞ Ensure that your child is doing their homework each night and checking the solutions. Questions that students get wrong should be tried again.
- ☞ Encourage your child to watch the lesson videos and take lesson quizzes at teamstraus.com
- ☞ Make sure that your child is reviewing their math notes each night and studying for tests - parents receive an email one week prior to each test.
- ☞ Make sure your child completes their Monday Home Study work.

Homework/Classwork

Homework is assigned to give students an opportunity to practice and apply the concepts learned in class. It is not assigned as 'busy work'. All homework must be completed and corrected - this will help students better understand material - which will better help you on tests and quizzes.

Homework is assigned on most nights, including Fridays. It is posted on the homework board in class, written in agendas, listed on moodle, and available for download (copies and solutions) at the math classroom website: <http://www.teamstraus.com>. Homework is due the following day unless special instructions are given. Ms. Straus will stamp homework completed and accepted.

Homework is graded on whether the assignment was completed, as opposed to the percentage of questions correct. In order to receive credit, neatness, organization and complete step-by-step solutions to problems are expected. Solutions are posted on the math classroom website. Homework is checked at the beginning of each class and must be turned in the appropriate way (check the blue chart when you enter class). Ms. Straus will stamp homework if it is complete and counts for full credit. Students will only receive credit for work that has all steps shown for EACH question. No work shown means NO CREDIT. Samples of acceptable work are available at Team Straus (FAQ).

Parents may 'sign-off' on math homework that has been attempted for 30 minutes and students will be given credit. Students may then come in with the assignment during I Can tutoring to receive help to ensure understanding.

Notebooks

Math notes, classwork, and homework must all be glued into math notebooks using appropriate procedures (as posted in the classroom). Notebooks will be randomly collected for grading.

Notebooks are graded on completeness (are all notes and homework there?) and neatness (are all notebook procedures followed?). Feedback comments may be written in notebooks by Ms. Straus and students must respond to written feedback by the following notebook check.

Getting Help and Contacting Ms. Straus

The math classroom website has MANY resources to help you with each lesson. You should write questions you cannot solve on your homework in the dugout when you enter class so that the whole class can review the question. You can also attend tutoring on Wednesdays and Fridays during afternoon I Can time. Ms. Straus can be contacted by email (amy.straus@riverspringscharter.org) and telephone/text ().

Website Materials

You will find MANY resources that will help you at: <http://www.teamstraus.com>:

✂* text chapters

✂* online videos

✂* games

✂* lesson quizzes

✂* homework copies

✂* homework solutions

Curriculum

The curriculum is based on the 6th, 7th, and Algebra 1 California State Standards which can be found at <http://www.teamstraus> under Units of Study.

Grading

Grading Scale
A: 90-100%
B: 80-89%
C: 70-79%
D: 60-69%
F: 0-59%

Grade Break-Down
Homework/Classwork: 25%
Home Study: 15%
Participation: 10%
Projects, Tests, Quizzes: 50%

Grades are updated weekly on Fridays after school on Jupiter Grades.

I am looking forward to a great second semester,
Ms. Amy Straus, M.Ed.
Middle School Math Teacher - Magnolia Student Center
<http://www.teamstraus.com>

Please cut, sign, and return:

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Student Name: _____ Period: ____ Student email: _____

Parent email: _____

(this email address will be entered and/or confirmed in Jupiter Grades so that you receive class-wide emails regarding tests, etc.)

I have read and understand the requirements for math class. I have looked through the website and know where to find the homework, solutions, extra help, grades, and test dates.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Please remember that students can print ANY class material off the website using the office computer and printer.