Ripon High school

Mr. Vigil

**Welcome to Math 1 Honors!**

In this course, you will learn to use new models and methods to think about problems as well as solve them. You will be developing powerful mathematical tools and learning ways of thinking about and investigating situations. You will be making connections, discovering relationships, figuring out what strategies can be used to solve problems, and explaining your thinking. Learning to think in these ways and communicate about your thinking is useful in mathematical contexts, other subjects in school and situations outside the classroom.

In meeting the challenges of this course, you will not be learning alone. You will cooperate with other students as a member of a study team. Being a part of a team means speaking up and interacting with other people. Together, your team will complete problems and activities that will help you discover mathematical ideas and develop solution methods. Learning math this way has an advantage: as long as you actively participate, make sure everyone in your study team is involved and ask good questions, you will find yourself understanding mathematics at a deeper level than ever before.

**Supply List:**

I am excited and looking forward to working with you and your student during the upcoming school year. Some students like to have their own supplies and of course, donations are more than welcomed and always appreciated! With your support and help, we can make this year a success!

Here is a list of items that students will be using:

* 3 ring binder
* Ruler
* Compass
* Notebook
* Dry erase maker
* Paper and pencil
* Scientific calculator (Graphing calculators are extremely helpful)

Here is a wish list for the class:

* Paper
* Pencils
* Dry erase makers
* Tissues
* Hand sanitizer

**Agreements (Rules):**

* Respect everyone (teacher, students, other staff, etc.)
* Come prepared for class and ready to work.
* Follow the school wide discipline, attendance and **tardy** policies.
* Do not distract yourself by using a cell phone for any reason (even as a clock).
* Strive for success

**Consequences:** If a student chooses to break our agreement or disrupt the class in any way, the student may:

* Receive a warning
* Have detention assigned
* Have their parent/guardian contacted
* Be sent to the assistant principal or counselor.

Severe disruptions will result in an immediate suspension from the class to the office.

**Homework:** homework will be assign 3 to 5 times per week; it will be graded on completion and accuracy. **You must show all work to receive full credit**. Completing homework is not optional; it is a requirement for success in math. **Late work:** if a student misses an assignment due to illness or other valid reason, he/she will be allowed an equal number of days for which to make up the assignment. No late work will be accepted without a valid excuse.

**Test/Quiz make-ups**: I do not give test/quiz make ups, if you study the first time, you should have no problems passing my test/quizzes. If a student is absent the day of a test/quiz, he/she will be allowed to make up the test/quiz after school or during lunch. If the student does not make up the test/quiz by the appropriate time, he/she will receive a grade of zero.

**Academic Dishonesty:** I have a zero tolerance for academic dishonesty; if you decide to be dishonest, you will be given an office referral and receive a ZERO on the assignment.

**Grades:** Grades are based on homework, test, quizzes, projects and class participation. Grades are posted periodically, usually after each test. Students should always know their math grade. The grades are as follows:

A = 90 – 100% C = 70 – 79% F = 59% and bellow.

B = 80 – 89% D = 60 – 69%

**Extra Help**: Help is available to all students almost every day after school or during lunch. I only ask students to let me know ahead of time in case I already have prior arrangement. **There is no reason not to get help when it is needed.**

If parents would like to talk to me, please call the school or email me at [mvigil@sjcoe.net](mailto:mvigil@sjcoe.net)

Have a successful and enjoyable school year!

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Adjustments may be made at any time to meet student/classroom needs.