

7th Grade Math

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I am looking forward to working with you in Math this year. Our math class is designed to help you go from the simple math you did in elementary school to the math of high school and beyond. In this class you will use “hands-on” materials, cooperative learning, and real world projects to help you see why math is an important tool in life.

TEXTBOOK

Your textbook is titled Course 2 or Pre-Algebra. This book will be used in class as an interactive notebook. It will also be sent home as a tool to use for reviewing and any additional support that may be needed.

MATERIALS

You may only use pencils in this class! Colored pens will be used to correct our Math Review, and to grade quizzes and tests. 1 Subject notebook will be required to keep your notes organized. A complete list of recommended supplies is attached.

GRADING INFORMATION

Grading Policy

Each nine-week grading period will be determined as follows:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	E

Classwork	25% (math review, projects, problem solving, etc)
Homework	20% (homework)
Quiz	20% (quiz and math review quiz)
Tests	35% (tests)

Math Review

You will have Math Review problems every day at the beginning of every class. This work is not an option.

Homework

Homework is due the following day at the beginning of class. Math is a skill that requires practice. Most work will be started in class and if not completed, becomes homework. You must show ALL of your work and have a name to receive credit. Assignments will be listed every day on the board.

Participation

You are awarded points every day just for showing up to class. You keep these points by being an active, considerate participant in class. However, if you disrupt the learning environment in any way, you lose these points.

Tests and Quizzes

You will have a test at the end of every main topic that is covered. These tests are designed to be completed during one class period, however if extra time is needed, there may be accommodations. There will be a quiz mid-section of every topic to

check for understanding. There are re-takes of tests if you are unhappy with your grade. You must attend tutoring before or after school with Mrs. Dorn or me for 30 minutes with a signature to re-take a test. You must come to me with the necessary signatures and corrections with work shown of the problems you solved incorrectly before retaking the test. You must re-take the test within 5 school days of receiving your test back. I will keep the higher score of the two tests.

How to get good grades in math this year:

Every day:

- a. Write down your assignments in your Connolly agenda book.
- b. Do your homework every single day, even if it seems hard.
- c. Take notes every day in class.
- d. Turn in late work as soon as possible! It's better to get some credit than no credit.

HELP

If you need help with your homework or test corrections try the following:

- Review the notes from your Cornell Notes
- CLASSZONE.COM
 - Explore this site where you can get more examples, answers to questions, take practice tests and quizzes, extra practice problems, activities/games for reviewing for tests, etc.
 - Go to the middle school math section and choose your subject.
- MATH.COM
- Make an appointment with me before or after school
- Attend Math Tutoring with Mrs. Dorn before school in the AVID classroom
- Become a member of our "Homework Club" after school
- Ask a parent/guardian for help.

ABSENCES/TARDIES

Absences include the following: field trips, doctors appointments, vacations, or any school activity taking you away from my class. It is your responsibility to make-up the work you missed. If you miss a test or a quiz, you must arrange to come before school or after to take it. If you are going to be gone a prolonged period of time, I will need at least a 24 hour notice to get you the make-up work. You have 3 days to turn in late or missing work. If you need more time, come see me.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. I will do whatever I can to assist you this year.

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Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____



Whatever it Takes, We Are College Bound!



Connolly Middle School Suggested School Supply List

Connolly teachers want to thank you for supporting your child's education. The following supplies are needed throughout the school year. Your child may need replacements of these materials during the year and CMS teachers suggest that you take advantage of current Back-to-School sales and stock up.

- Good quality 3-ring binder, 2 inch rings
[THIS IS THE ONLY BINDER YOUR CHILD WILL NEED]
- Five to six colored tab subject dividers
- Zipper pouch to store supplies
- Pens (Blue, Black, Red)
- #2 Pencils (Mechanical or Wooden) [Replacement lead for Mechanical]
- Notebook paper (3-hole punched)
- Thin spiral notebooks (used in each class each quarter ~ 5 to start the year)
- One or more colored highlighter pens
- Colored Pencils (6 – 8 colors)
- Holepunch
- Small pocket stapler
- Ruler
- Dry-erase marker for whiteboard use
- Pencil Sharpener
- Glue Stick(s)
- Package of index cards

**Sharpie or Permanent Markers are NOT allowed at Connolly.
These types of markers will be confiscated.**

