

Mrs. Knight's Parent Page

Fern Ridge Middle School

Supplies

- ✓ 3 Spiral Notebooks
- ✓ A 3 Ring Binder (can be shared)
- ✓ Pencils- Plural, you will need more than 1
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Glue Sticks
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ Sticky Notes

Class Grading

Work Samples and Tasks 15%

These are complex multilevel problems that students will work on regularly in class to show their ability to apply the math we are learning.

Work Habits and Completion 20%

This will include notebook grades and homework assignments. These items are graded on completion. All problems must be attempted

Assessments 65%

These are tests and projects that students complete to demonstrate their proficiency.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What will my student learn?

We start the year reviewing fractions and decimals and then apply them to real world geometry. Then we do an introduction to algebra basics before diving into rates, ratios, percents and statistics. All year we will work to become better mathematicians.

Q: Is there a textbook?

Yes, we will be using the Core Focus books by SMC Curriculum. There are 3 books for course 1 and students will check them out one at a time.

Q: What is an interactive notebook?

Essentially students will be creating their own textbook that has interactive elements. They will be able to use this resource on tests in class as it is of their own making. It will also be something they can keep for the rest of their lives!

Q: Will students need calculators?

Students will not be using calculators for at least the first half of the year. They can use a multiplication chart. As we get towards the end of the year there are times when students will be able to use a calculator.

Policies:

Retake Policy: If a student would like to improve a test score or a project score they can retake a test or revise the project to bring up their score. A maximum score of 90% can be earned. Students will have to show that they have improved their skills before they can retake a test. Students will need to meet with Mrs. Knight to discuss the problems that were missed and schedule a retake.

Homework: Students will have homework Monday through Thursday night. They will receive the week's worth on Monday and it is due on Friday. The homework will not cover the new material that we are learning; rather it will review necessary skills to support students.

Interactive Notebooks: Students will need to bring their IBs every day. This is a product they are developing.

Absences: Students are expected to make up work when they miss school. Materials will be available in class and the daily agenda for all classes is online through the schools website.

Late Work: The important thing is that the work gets done! Work will be accepted late but docked 20% (1 point of 5)

Bathroom Passes: Students will get 3 bathroom passes per quarter. They can be turned in for extra credit at the end of the quarter.

Cell Phones/Electronics: Leave it in your locker. If I see it or hear it I will take it.

Supporting your student:

1. **Encourage your student to seek help regularly.** Parents usually know when their son/daughter is having difficulty with the subject matter. Please take the opportunity to encourage your student to get extra help before or after school.
2. **Study with your student.** Ask your student to explain how to do problems to you as they do homework. Look up the online videos and watch them together when your student gets stuck. The best preparation for tests is to do the assignments!
3. **Check the homework blog daily** This is linked from Mrs. Knights and FRMS website. Every teacher's homework is listed everyday!
4. **Check the class website.** This is a central location for all you or your child need to know about my class. It is a great way to keep up with what's happening in class.
5. **Contact Mrs. Knight!** If you have any concerns or questions, I would be happy to talk to you about them.

Signature Page

Please return this page to Mrs. Knight

Student name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____

Email(s): _____

I send out regular newsletters via email and it is important that I have an accurate email.

Best Phone number to reach you at: _____

Do you, the Parent/Guardian approve of your child getting extra help from a volunteer during class time? (Please circle) Yes or No

Are you interested in being a parent volunteer? (Please circle) Yes or No

Is there anything I should know about your child in order to help him/her be successful in this class?

Signature _____