8th Grade Pre-Algebra Syllabus Mrs. Melody Anderson

Welcome! I am excited to be teaching your math class this year. I am also looking forward to having you in it. There are many wonderful things that we will explore and learn about the relationships in math.

Supplies:

- You will need to bring daily: Math textbook, sharpened pencils, 3-ring binder (with a set of 5 dividers), paper, and the assignment. (And charged Chrome Book)
- Optional supplies for the classroom are a box of tissues, paper towels or disinfectant wipes.

Binders:

In order to help you learn organization, you are expected to **keep all** assignments, quizzes, notes, vocabulary, etc. in a 3-ring binder.

Following is the order:

- 1. Assignment sheets, progress reports, and Syllabus
- 2. Notes
- 3. Vocabulary
- 4. Assignments
- 5. Quizzes

Each section should be kept in chronological order. I will check binders at the end of the quarter for a replacement quiz grade.

Notes:

We will have notes for the lessons each day. When I write on the board, I expect you to take notes. Anything written on the board during the lesson is important to you and to me. These notes will also help you on quizzes.

Vocabulary:

The chapter vocabulary should be completed by the end of the chapter. You may be required to define some of it as we go through the chapter. Label the chapter and keep the vocabulary in your binder until it is due. The vocabulary is due the day of the chapter or unit test. You may turn in the vocabulary early.

Work time:

Time that is allowed in class is to be used to finish your daily math assignment. You may work on or read other subjects ONLY when your MATH is COMPLETED! Bring other materials to class if you expect to finish your math assignment or test early. Please remember, just because you are finished, does not mean others are finished. Find an appropriate use of your time—not talking.

Assignments:

I will be posting the assignments/activities on the Google Classroom page (or Canvas if we switch). We will go over a few questions and grade the assignment after bellwork. Please **keep all returned homework in your notebook** for easy reference. Your assignments will be worth 20 points each. If you did not finish the assignment or have too many mistakes, you may keep it for up to two more days to finish or correct without late penalty. Make sure it is turned in the within 2 school days to avoid a 1-point-per-day late penalty. (Remember: -1/20 is 5% off per day.)

Assignment Procedures:

- Assignments will be given almost every day. <u>I prefer that the work be done in pencil</u>.
 If pen is used, and a mistake is made, please mark once through the error rather than scribbling it out.
- 2. You are responsible to complete the work in the time given. Any work not completed in class is homework, unless due at the end of class.
- 3. Place your <u>FIRST AND LAST NAME</u> and the date in the upper right corner of the page (unless there is a blank for it on the worksheet, etc).
- 4. Place the title of the assignment (page number and problems) on the top line of the paper.
- 5. Always COPY THE PROBLEM (unless otherwise instructed), SHOW ALL OF YOUR WORK (no work=no credit!), and CIRCLE THE ANSWER. Story problems should be answered in a sentence.
- 6. Keep your work neat by showing your work UNDER the problem. **Skip a line** and/or give an obvious margin of space between problems. I prefer that problems be done vertically on the page; a second column of problems may be added if there is plenty of room.

Quizzes:

Quizzes will be given periodically. It is important that all assignments are done when you come to class since these quizzes may be unannounced. These quizzes are open binder only. All other quizzes are at the instructor's discretion. Quizzes are worth 50 points.

Tests:

A test will be given at the end of a chapter or unit. The test will be worth 100 points unless otherwise instructed. There will also be a test at the end of each nine weeks. This test will be worth 200 points.

Make Up Work:

- Whatever was due the first day of your absence is due the day you return. You will have the number of days absent plus 2 to turn in missed work. You have access to Google Classroom to see what you are missing. If it was a worksheet, please ask for it.
- If you are absent for a quiz or test, you will have to make it up at lunch (or after school if we can make arrangements with another teacher). As a general rule, I will not give make-up quizzes or tests during class because this could lead to getting behind on the current work. You are to have the quiz or test made up within one week of missing it.

Extra Credit:

Extra Credit or replacement assignments will be offered at various times to the entire class. Take advantage of it at this time. No individual opportunities for extra credit will be given and

no late extra credit will be accepted. Five bonus points will be added to the point total for those with perfect attendance each 9 weeks. I am looking forward to having YOU in my class this year. Let's make this a terrific class! Please keep your classroom rules in your math binder and make sure that it is signed by a parent or guardian as well as by you.	
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you.	
Student Name	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Best time to call that number	
E-mail address	
Do you have internet access at home (fo	