

September, 2009

Dear Parents,

I want to give you a synopsis of what the 5th grade students will be doing in Math this school year. The sequence of the textbook will be followed page by page. I always teach at length at the board first, before related assignments are given.

Each student is to have a single notebook for Math only. I will show the students what to copy, when to skip a line, what to underline in red for emphasis, etc. When I demonstrate any problem, students copy the problem in pencil, and then the solving part is copied in red. Students, then, can rely on their notebook for referral when doing homework.

Parents, please look at your child's notebook to be sure he or she is keeping on track. Also check the assignments given. Every homework assignment must be done at home and not in school. Assignments will be given from the textbook or worksheets from my teacher workbook (students do not have their own workbook).

The directives for a missing assignment are stated on page 14 of the Parent Handbook. Directives regarding missing assignments due to illness or vacations can be found on page 11 of the Parent Handbook.

The trimester grade will be extrapolated from the following:

Tests 40%

Quizzes 30%

Accelerated Math 15%

Homework 15%

I expect every student to contribute to a constructive learning environment by good behavior, doing the homework assignments, and good study habits. If a student is present for class, but still may have some difficulty, I am available after school for extra help.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ciezadlo