



Welcome to Junior High Math! I am looking forward to my third year as your junior high math instructor. Along with meeting the California standards for your child's grade level, I will strive to focus on his or her problem solving and critical thinking skills. It is my goal to increase your child's confidence and mastery in these areas. In addition, I will assign monthly math projects that will allow your child to apply his or her math skills through a more "hands on" approach. These projects, for the most part, will be completed during class time. On another note, we will continue to utilize the ALEKS online math tutorial. Your child needs to have the JAVA program on their computer to utilize this program at home. Simply go to [JAVA.com](http://JAVA.com), and this program can be downloaded for free.

### **Class Expectations**

- 1) Come to class prepared. Math binder with homework, textbook, workbook and calculator should be brought to every class.
- 2) Take notes and record sample problems.
- 3) Work should be legible and complete.
- 4) Stellar behavior is imperative.

### **Grading**

All graded assignments will receive points that will be categorized into the following areas: homework, class work, quizzes, and tests. The weight of each component toward your child's final grade is as follows

Homework	25%
Quizzes	15%
Tests	50%
Class work	10%

### **Homework**

A rubric was given to your child. An assignment can be awarded 5 points if the following criteria are met:

- 1) Answer column and proper heading (name, date, page number). (1 point)
- 3) Problems, along with their work, are legible and complete. (2 points)
- 4) All word problems are complete. (2 points)

In conclusion, my goal is for your child to have a positive experience with math this year. If your child is struggling, I am available for assistance at lunch on Tuesdays and most Thursdays. Please feel free to contact me if necessary at [camano@stbernardine.org](mailto:camano@stbernardine.org), or call the school office and leave a message for me. Thank you for your continued support in your child's educational journey.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Amano