

Junior High Math



Dear Junior High Parents,

The start of this 2009-2010 school year finds me anticipating the opportunity to work with your child on his/her mathematical skills. As your child continues to develop and strengthen these skills, my goal is to both support and challenge him/her. Over the course of the year, we will cover many concepts ranging from place value to algebra skills. However, on a daily basis, I aim for your child to practice his or her problem-solving skills and computational strategies.

My expectations for your child are high. They include the following:

- 1) completion of all homework assignments in a timely manner*
- 2) completion of all class work, including daily warm-up and sample problems*
- 3) work must be neat, numbered, legible, and organized*
- 4) a math binder must be kept containing all assignments given for each trimester*
- 5) classroom behavior must exhibit the utmost respect toward the teacher, fellow classmates and any equipment/supplies utilized*

The challenge of meeting these expectations will require many things. Firstly, ample time must be allowed for completion of homework assignments. Twenty-five to forty-five minutes each night (time may increase for multiple computation problems and algebra) must be available to complete math homework. In addition, a quiet, non-distracting environment may be required for your child to concentrate and focus. Homework must be taken seriously and viewed as "practice" for "the big game"- tests.

Math grades will be based on tests, quizzes, homework and class work. The grading breakdown is as follows:

<i>Tests</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Quizzes</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Homework</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Class work</i>	<i>10%</i>

Please note that homework assignments are given credit based on a rubric that will be distributed at "Back to School Night."

It is important to me that your child feels successful. I will be available to help him or her when necessary. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns that you might have. I can be reached via email at camano@stbernardine.org or by a phone call to the school office. Thank you for your support. I look forward to an incredible year.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Amano*