

Foundations of Math 2

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Please review these expectations I have for you as well as some other reminders you need to know as we begin our year together.

Please be on time. Use the restroom, go to your locker, and sharpen pencils BEFORE the bell rings.

MATERIALS NEEDED DAILY:

- Pencils and loose-leaf paper
- 8 dividers
- 3 ring binder
- **At least** one white board marker
- TI-83 Plus calculator or TI-84 plus calculator

Wish List:

- tissues
- hand sanitizer
- color copy paper

CLASSROOM RULES:

- Students should be in class, with required materials, ready for class to begin **when the bell rings**.
- Students should have nightly homework and should complete assignments on time.
- Attendance has a major impact on success in any class. Students should strive to be in class every day; however, if an absence is necessary, it is the student's responsibility to determine what has been missed and to turn it in within **3 days** of returning to school.
- NO food or drink are permitted in the classroom. (THIS IS SCHOOL POLICY.)
- Cell phones ARE NOT PERMITTED in class. They must be turned off and put out of sight during class time. Refer to the GCS/WGHS student handbook for the list of consequences.

GRADING POLICIES:

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| • Bell Ringers/Warm Ups | 10% |
| • Homework/Classwork | 25% |
| • Quizzes | 25% |
| • Tests | 40% |

Please refer to the GCS/WGHS handbook to overall grade weights as these are subject to change.

Homework, Classwork, etc:

Assignments will be made daily; both classwork and homework. Some work will be checked for completeness while other assignments will be turned in and graded for accuracy. To receive full credit for homework assignments, the student must turn in the assignment the day it is due. If a student wishes to make up a missing assignment, the school policy states that teachers are to give the student 3 days to make up the assignment, losing 15 possible points each day. After 3 days, the homework/assignment will receive a **zero**. Parents will be informed if a student has more than 3 late or missing assignments. I **do not** give extra credit assignments, but bonus questions are sometimes included on tests.

Bell Ringers:

At the beginning of class there will be a "bell ringer" or warm-up on the board. You should begin solving the warm-up questions in your binder as soon as the bell rings. Practice problems, worksheets or workbook problems may be given after notes and may be collected and counted as a classwork grade.

Tests:

A test is your opportunity to show you have mastered each objective in the unit. In order to master each objective, it is imperative that you practice the skills by completing your daily class work/homework assignments. Students are encouraged to come in for tutoring on skills that they have not mastered before the unit test. Tests are scheduled at the end of each chapter/unit and will be cumulative. **Tuesday** is math test day. Make-up tests will be given the **next day** you return to school. Failure to make up a test will result in a grade of zero for that test.

You will be given the opportunity to retest if you make **below** an 80% on a unit test. Students can receive credit back post-assessment by retaking any test that they scored lower than an 80%. Students will receive the higher of their two scores, up to an 80%. Students have 5 school days from the time they receive the test back to retake the test.

Attendance:

Attendance is crucial in every subject but is vital in math. Students should make every effort to be present for class EVERY day. When you are absent, please make sure that you show your homework & classwork to Mr. Reece in order to receive credit. It is YOUR responsibility to get your make up work. Check the absent bin for the missed homework. You should see Mr. Reece or a reliable student for notes that you missed.

If you know in advance you will be absent for several days, make arrangements to meet with me in order to keep from getting behind. We will go over any lessons that you will miss and you can get any worksheets that we will be doing in your absence. If you are absent, you will have 3 days to make up all assignments.

After the 3rd absence, the student will be **required** to make-up time with the teacher. Every absent after the 3rd you will have 30 minutes of make-up time. Failure to make up time will result in a final grade of 59/F.

Extra Help:

My tutoring hour will be on Tuesday 4:00-5:00. I will be available **by appointment** for extra help other days before or after school. If you are having difficulty in this course, then I encourage you to make an appointment. The math department will offer targeted tutoring sessions in order to help students with their specific weaknesses. A schedule will be posted monthly of targeted sessions.

A special Note for Students and Parents/Guardians:

The skills in math are very sequential. It is imperative that students have a mastery of general objectives to proceed to subsequent topics. I believe that all students can learn math if they are willing to put forth an honest effort. I will do everything I can to help your child be successful. Your help is needed in three areas: attendance, homework, and parental support.

1. Attendance is crucial in every subject, but it is vital to the learning process in math. I urge you as parents to do everything you can do to assure your child is in math class everyday.
2. Homework is a requirement for this course, not an option. Students cannot be successful without practice. Expect your child to spend 15 to 30 minutes on math each night.
3. Tutoring is available. Please listen to your teacher for available day(s) and times.

Signature Sheet

(Please return this page only)

Please fill out the following and return on the ASAP.

I have read and understand Mr. Reece's syllabus.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Parent email and phone number – Feel free to list home and/or cell numbers

Note: Most of my communication is by e-mail