***Syllabus: 8th Grade Mathematics***

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 Welcome to 8th grade Math!!! I look forward to spending the year with you, getting a deeper understanding of algebra and basic geometry. The NEW 8th grade math Georgia Milestones EOG is one of the most rigorous tests you will take this school year. I feel confident that you can be successful AND have some fun along the way.

 The newly adopted Common Core State Standards cover material ranging from number sense to geometry, algebra, and probability. You should know by now, that math builds on itself. It is important to have complete understanding of each concept as we move through the curriculum.

 **I would encourage you, if you find that you are struggling, to come and see me in the mornings before school or schedule time to see me after school. The earlier you catch the difficulty, the easier it is to fix it AND the less it will impact your understanding of future concepts. My email address is provided for you, as well, if you have any questions or concerns.**

The grading policies for 8th grade math are as follows:

 Tests………………...50%

 Quizzes……………..35%

 Daily Grades………..15%

**Classroom Activities:**

* Class will begin with a warm-up activity. Warm-ups are to stay in your notebook until taken up (periodically) for a daily grade at the end of the week.
* Lessons will be taught using methods including centers, group work, independent work, small group and whole group instruction, projects, and performance tasks.
* Units will have a pre-test and post-test. Students scoring 90% or above on the pre-test will have an alternative assignment to deepen their understanding of the concepts.

**Assignments:**

* Students should write all assignments and due dates in their agendas.
* **Any assignment not finished in class should always be completed for homework.**
* All work must be turned in on time. Late work may accepted with a loss of points for being late.
* Missing or incomplete assignments will receive a zero in the grade book until they are completed. I will assign After School Detention if a student receives three or more zeros in one nine-week period. During After School Detention, the student will make up any missing assignments. All work must be turned in during the same nine-week grading period in which it was assigned.

**Retesting:**

Should a student make below a 70% on an exam and wish to retake it, they may see me for an alternate assignment. After the assignment is completed, the student must schedule a time with the teacher before or after school to retake the exam.

I have read and reviewed the above syllabus with my teacher and my parents and understand the policies outlined for 8th grade math.

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