8th Grade Resource Math

Mrs. Rauvola

Room 810

Welcome to 8th Grade Resource Math! I hope that you had a wonderful summer vacation. Please read over the information in this letter. It will help you to prepare for a successful school year.

Textbooks

We will not use textbooks much in this class, so textbooks will not be signed out to individual students this year. Textbooks will remain in the math classroom for occasional use. However, you will have a common core math workbook which will need to be brought to class on a daily basis.

Supplies

1 ½ -inch three-ring binder with pockets

1 package of dividers with write-on tabs (at least 8 dividers)

loose-leaf paper only

2 blue, red, or green pens (no black)

box of Kleenex

pair of headphones/ear buds for computer (if read aloud needed)

TI30XII calculator (may be purchased in main office)

composition book

one package of small index cards with or without lines

#2 pencils

Supplies must be brought to class every day. You will not be permitted to leave the classroom during class to retrieve materials or forgotten homework assignments. Random supplies checks will be completed at least once every 2 weeks. Each supplies check will be worth 3 points. You are expected to come to class prepared to learn.

Grades

Student planners are a very important tool used at Louisville Middle School. You must bring your planner to school daily, record assignments in it and take it home every night.

Homework will be assigned frequently to reinforce skills taught in class and will be graded for completion, effort, and accuracy. You must show your work to receive credit. If no work is shown (when appropriate), no credit will be given. Late homework MUST be turned in for partial credit. Consequences will be given for failure to complete homework in a timely manner. Homework is meant to be completed by you independently, please.

In order to promote homework completion, I am instituting a new policy. At the end of each grading period, you will be given an “I” or “incomplete” if you have missing assignments. You will not be given a grade for the quarter until you have completed all of the assigned work. If you do not have a computer, Ipad, or Smartphone at home; please notify me immediately. We will need to make other arrangements for assignments requiring the use of one of these tools.

Each homework assignment will be worth up to 5 points. Homework will be evaluated with the following rubric.

The district grading scale applies in this class.

 100-98 A+ 82-80 C+

 97-95 A 79-77 C

 94-92 A- 76-74 C-

 91-89 B+ 73-71 D+

 88-86 B 70-68 D

 85-83 B- 67-65 D-

 64-0 F

Tests and quizzes will be given on a weekly basis to measure student progress. All tests and quizzes will be completed in class. The point values for tests and quizzes will vary. Some tests and quizzes will be open-note, so maintaining an organized math binder is very, very important. Most of the time you will be permitted to use calculators on assignments, tests and quizzes. Please use your calculator at home to complete homework and Study Island assignments when appropriate.

Study Island/Xtra Math/Moby Math/TenMarks/LearnZillion

We will utilize some online math resources throughout the school year to remediate basic skills, reinforce new skills, and practice IEP objectives.

-Study Island lessons will be worth 10 points each. To earn full credit, a blue or white ribbon must be earned for the lesson. Study Island lessons will need to be worked on at home. Study Island points add up very quickly each quarter. Please make sure that you are working on these assignments when given. Occasional extra credit opportunities will also be given in Study Island.

-XtraMath will be used to help you memorize your basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts if you have not already done so. Incentives will be offered for each operation for which you achieve mastery. Lessons in XtraMath take about 5 minutes to complete each day. If you practice daily, you will achieve mastery much more quickly than those who do not.

-Moby Math, LearnZillion and TenMarks may also be used occasionally.

You will receive additional information, web addresses, passwords, and due dates for each program as the year progresses. Links to each of these programs can be found on my web page.

Binders

You are required to maintain a separate binder and composition book for my class. It is to be organized as instructed by me in class. We will take time to organize binders in class this Friday. Please make sure that you have your supplies for class at that time. Binders will be graded every quarter. Organization is very important.

Discipline

The 8th grade marks system will be followed in my classroom. You will be given marks for failure to follow my classroom rules as well as the 8th grade rules and school rules. Incentive tickets will also be given for good behavior. A letter will be sent home by the 8th grade team outlining the marks system. This letter must be signed and returned to school.

**Mrs. Rauvola’s Classroom Rules**

1. Do and turn in your work.
2. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
3. Use polite, kind words and a quiet inside voice.
4. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak or leave the room.
5. Do what staff at school ask.

Poor behavior will not be tolerated.

Contact Information for Parents

Please feel free to contact me with your questions, concerns or comments. My school email is jrauvola@louisville.sparcc.org, or simply write me a note in your child’s planner. I can also be reached by phone by calling the main office at 330-875-5597. Email is an ideal way to reach me and typically the fastest way to get a response.

You will find additional information about my classroom by clicking on my name on the staff page at [www.midleps.sparcc.org](http://www.midleps.sparcc.org). This will take you to my web page. On the links page, students can find math games and resources. Resource Math homework will also be listed daily on my web page.

Welcome to 8th Grade Resource Math. It’s going to be a productive year!

Mrs. Joann Rauvola