

Back to School 2020

Hello everyone. I am Victoria Kessler and I'll be teaching upper level Math again this year. I also teach Vocabulary to grades 6, 7, and 8. My homeroom is 7th grade.

I am happy to announce that the math and vocabulary texts are all updated. Content doesn't change that much, but it's nice to have later editions.

Remote Learners Expectations:

- Be patient. Teachers have to move materials from room to room. The math setup takes time because I use the Smart Board daily.
- Be prepared with materials and homework. Sit in a quiet location with no distractions. Keep video on so I can see you. Find the "thumbs up" so I know you are understanding the lesson. Put a flat hand towards the screen if you have a question. The computer sound level is soft, so your hand is easier to see.
- Stay focused during instruction. Your break can be during transition times.
- Be ready to start at the beginning of the period
- Email me if you have any concerns about assignments or due dates. Math questions should be asked during class.

Math 5,6,7,8

- daily math homework
- There might be homework on the weekends, but not always
- No written homework the night before a test because the HW is to study
- Pencils only, 07 lead or #2 pencil. Mechanical pencils are fine.
- An individual math notebook is mandatory. I would prefer a spiral, but not a composition notebook.
- Students should take class notes daily
- Students may use their math notebook for any quiz or test
- I will frequently add enrichment activities/handouts to promote critical thinking and problem-solving strategies

- Quizzes and tests will usually be mid-chapter and end-of-chapter. I will also use Exit Tickets.
- Students may work ahead if they wish, but please don't fall behind.
- I am available for mini-lessons after school if anyone has difficulty
- IXL assignments are Pass/Fail. The main objective is learning.
- Please bring homework to school. I may not collect it, but we will review and check at the beginning of class
- Every homework paper should have name, date, and assignment information in the top left corner. Use the lines.
- Raise your hand if you want to ask a question.
- Save peer conversations for other times.
- Students will be assessed on class participation, tests, quizzes, homework, classwork, and projects.

My goal is to promote mathematical thinking, and students will have opportunities to develop many math strategies. We will have lots of word problems in addition to computation skills.

Vocabulary

I teach vocabulary to grades 6,7,8. There are 30 weekly lessons of ten words each. Spelling only is on Thursdays, and Comprehension tests are on Fridays. I may have supplementary assignments during the week, and sometimes I will ask for compositions using the weekly vocabulary words. Students are responsible for:

- Definitions, all listed
- Parts of speech for each word
- Derivatives with correct spelling (adjective form, past tense, etc.)
- Remembering words from previous lessons (cumulative)

Friday tests will be teacher-generated every other week, including matching and fill-in-the-blank from a word bank. The other weeks will be publisher-generated for two lessons at a time with a multiple-choice format.

At the back of the Vocabulary book are lesson cut-outs if students wish to use them.

This is a challenging year, and I ask that every student be patient and kind as teachers travel from room to room.

St. Constance is a wonderful school. Great learning will take place if we all work together. There is important work to be done, and I will do my very best to make sure that every student succeeds and excels. Math is such an important part of the future. I will help you get there.

Mrs. Kessler

If you have any questions or comments, please reach me at:

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or make an appointment through the office.