Welcome Back!

 I am so excited to be teaching you this year! In class, we will create a “classroom rules document,” but really, the most important piece is being respectful to everyone and everything in the room. Respectful means to listen when someone is speaking, and being respectful of the items in the room, whether they are classroom supplies or the property of a peer.

My goal is to make learning FUN, in order for this to happen, everyone needs to listen to instruction and follow directions. Class will be the same every day, there will be a “math starter” on the board when you come in each day, you will have a notebook, that you will be doing these in everyday. They will need to be labeled with the date and starter number. The expectation is that you come in and get started on these right away! We will then start with a daily counting routine and move into our lesson.

**Homework:**

Inquiring minds want to know, will there be homework? The answer, yes there will be homework each night. It will be part of your grade each quarter, the expectation is that it WILL be completed every night. The good news is, that it should only take about 15 minutes AND it will be practice of the “stuff” you know! There will be a question or two to check understanding of the daily lesson, but you will not be given “new topics” for homework. My theory on homework is that practice of previously learned skills is important, but there isn’t always time to practice it during regular class time, by sending it home it will cause less frustration for both you and your parents ☺! Sometimes it might be online practice via IXL, so let me know if internet access is difficult for you.

**Extra Help:**

Extra help is always available, please just touch base with me if you are struggling. You need all of these skills to get you through High School, so please advocate for yourself and ask for help when you need it! You have to come to school each day, so make the most of it while you are here, you will thank me for it later. There are and always will be things in your life out of your control, but your success in my room is not one of them, you have control over your success in here, TRUST ME! You can come in before school, after school, or during lunch/recess. I will not expect ANYONE to lose recess UNLESS you consistently show me that you are not advocating for yourself or making the most of class time (as determined by “classroom rules” we develop as a group).

**Quizzes and Tests:**

There will be assessments in this class, BUT you can take them as many times as you need to. This does not mean that you do not prepare for an assessment, but it again, demonstrates the control you have. I repeat, I know you all can be successful and I want nothing more than for that to happen. Mistakes are the best way to learn and always help us to understand what we need help on.

Let’s all work together to make this a GREAT year! I am so excited and look forward to some amazing and exciting experiences!

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