

6th Grade Pre Algebra

Mr. Meyer
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Welcome to 6th grade, I am Mr. Meyer and I will be teaching Pre Algebra this school year. This is my 3rd year at Muller Road Middle School and 2nd year teaching 6th Grade Pre Algebra. I received my bachelors degree in Middle Childhood Education from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. I am currently working on my masters degree in Curriculum and Educational Technology from Ball State University.

It is my goal to provide students with a positive learning environment and the support needed for students to be successful, not only in Pre Algebra, but all of their courses. If at any point in the school year any questions arise, or you would like to get in contact with me for any reason, please do so using the contact information below:

Contact Information

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Grading Scale

Muller Road Middle School follows Richland Two's grading scale and is as follows:

- A 100 - 93
- B 92 - 85
- C 84 - 77
- D 76 - 70
- F 69 and below

Students must maintain a yearly average of a D or higher in order to pass each course.

Grades

Muller Road Middle School is implementing a uniform grading policy this school year. All assignments will fall under one of these categories and be weighted accordingly.

- Tests / Projects 50%
- Quizzes 30%
- Classwork 15%
- Homework 5%

It is my goal to enter all assignments in the grade book as soon as possible, but occasionally it may take a couple of days for all grades to be stored.

Calculator Policy

Students will be able to use a calculator on many units during this course. It is recommended that students purchase a calculator early in the year to get practice working with the device. This will help them grow comfortable using a calculator prior to state testing in the spring. The recommended calculator is a TI-34 ii calculator. These devices cost around \$12 and can be found at most big box stores.

Retake Up Policy

Students will have the opportunity to retake tests. Retakes only apply to unit tests. Quizzes do not fall under this policy. In order to retake a test, students must fill out the test retake form and attend at least one tutoring session prior to retaking the test.

Please remove this form and turn it in to Mr. Meyer no later than Monday August 17, 2015

Student Name: _____
Parent / Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Contact Information: [] Phone: _____
[] Email: _____

Please check which is the preferred method of contact

Please sign below indicating that you have read this syllabus

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Tutoring

Tutoring will be available for students during 4th period advisory time. This is a very short limited time, and is for quick questions only. Extended tutoring times will be available on Thursdays after school until 3:45. Students need to reserve a tutoring spot no later than Wednesday of the week they wish to attend. If a student is not picked up by 4:00 they will be placed in our school's aftercare program at the parents expense.

*Tutoring times may change during basketball season.

Interactive Notebooks

This year, students will complete an interactive notebook. Interactive Notebooks have been proven to help students stay organized and provide students with a tool for studying / reviewing material in class.

Muller Road has asked that all students purchase composition notebooks for this school year. Early in the year, these are on sale at many locations. If assistance is needed to obtain a composition notebook please let Mr. Meyer know.

Students will use their notebooks on a regular basis. It is crucial that students bring their notebook with them to class every day. Failure to bring their notebook can result in a student falling behind and missing content. If a student is absent, they will be able to look at Mr. Meyer's notebook to see what material they missed. It is the student's responsibility to set up a time to copy missed notes.

The content for quizzes will come from student's interactive notebooks, so it is important that students keep them up to date.

Tests / Quizzes

Students can expect 2 tests per nine weeks with an additional quarter benchmark which will be taken the last week of each grading period. Students will also have quizzes based on their Interactive Student Notebook's roughly every two weeks. Students will be given at least 5 days notice on tests and 2 days notice on quizzes.

WarmUps

Each week, students will have a warmup, this will appear in the grade book as DMP# (Daily Math Problems). As the year progresses, more problems will be added to the DMP board. Students will be responsible for catching up on any missed DMPS.

Shortened weeks may not have DMP Problems

Homework

Students will be given a weekly homework assignment. The weekly homework will be given on Monday and collected on Friday. The homework will cover material from past weeks and the current week.

Additional homework may be given on an as needed basis. This will typically be finishing an in class assignment and should not require a major time commitment

Khan Academy

Students will be utilizing the resources found in Khan Academy throughout the school year. Khan academy provides instructional videos, practice problems and helpful prompts on topics covered in class.