

Algebra

2019-2020

Curriculum

Mill Valley Middle School uses the College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM) program for its Algebra course. This course is a high school equivalent Algebra class so the pace is rigorous and falling behind will not be an option. Tam District requires that students maintain at least a *C*, *and* have the recommendation of their Algebra teacher, in order to move on to Geometry next year. In addition, a placement test will be given later in the year.

Grading

Grades are based on scores received from "Assignments of the Day" (AD) along with quizzes and tests. One day late assignments are given partial credit. Progress reports will be mailed home midway through each trimester. ***Students will be required to complete all assignments and maintain a minimum C average in order to continue in this class for the full school year.*** Students not meeting these requirements will be moved to our regular Common Core 8th grade math program.

Assignments of the Day (A.D.)

Typically, four assignments will be given per week. Each assignment (AD) begins during the instructional period and will likely need to be completed outside of class. Assignments are corrected daily and stamped for grade on a Record of Assignment (ROA) sheet. There may occasionally be days when I do not have enough time to stamp everyone's ROA. Nevertheless, the work is still due and will ultimately be counted/graded.

Absences

A link for assignments can be found on my google classroom site. When a student returns from an absence, he/she must check in with me and begin work on the current assignment first. Missed work is usually given one extra day for completion.

Extra Help

On the above-mentioned link in google classroom you will find several math support links including the CPM Common Core Algebra parent guide www.cpm.org/cca-parent-guide. This guide offers extra practice and support for anyone who needs it. Additionally, if a student is having difficulty with the work, extra help will be available before or after school by appointment.

A list of required materials is provided on the back of this letter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me by email or phone. I am looking forward to a productive and successful year.

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(Parent Signature)

Required materials:

I. A thin 3-ring binder ($\leq 1''$) with tab dividers for the following sections:

- a. Assignments
- b. Notes
- c. Tests/Quizzes
- d. Graph paper

II. Lots of pencils, pens (preferably red), and a scientific calculator

III. Ruler/Straightedge

IV. Graph Paper

First Assignment of the Day!

AD #1: Please bring an organized binder (as described above), all supplies, and a parent signature (front side of this letter). I will check for this on **Monday, August 26th**.

Please let me know if you have any difficulty acquiring the materials for any reason. I can probably help!

My best, ~Mr. Marti