Welcome to 8th Grade Algebra!

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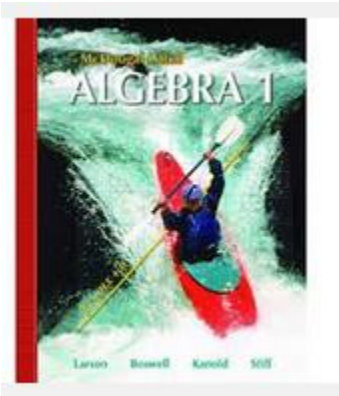
Hello parents and students, and welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! I hope everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer vacation!

Required Materials

· **Math Binder:** → Suggested set-up → "Notes", "Worksheets/Homework", "Tests/Quizzes", "Lab"

· **Pencils with erasers (preferably mechanical)/Correcting pen or colored pencil**
· **Lined paper/graph paper**
· **Calculator**REQUIRED**** (both iPad and non iPad)
· **Highlighter** (recommended not required)



· The textbook for this class is McDougal Littell Algebra 1 2007. Please take good care of the book and keep it covered at all times. You can access the textbook online at home by going to www.classzone.com and choose the correct book. Directions for making an account and the activation code are located in the "Textbook Information" folder in the "Eagles Math" Google Drive folder.
This website includes the following helpful information:
· Extra Practice Worksheets (with answers)
· Practice section quizzes and chapter tests (with answers)
· Online tutorials
· Animated math applications
Homework problems given from the text book can also be accessed through this site. Textbook worksheets can be accessed by visiting the "Worksheets" tab on my website.

Covered books may be left in the classroom, however, students are responsible for location of their own textbooks at all times.

Criteria for Credit

All student work should be done in a manner that increases the probability of success and facilitates evaluation. Student work should adhere to the CRITERIA FOR CREDIT:

1) Work should be done on standard size lined or graph paper with a pencil.
2) Each assignment should be appropriately labeled with page number and problem number. (Name should be included when being submitted)
3) All work must be **SHOWN** and displayed in a vertical format. Students should **NOT** begin each assignment by number the paper with each problem prior to beginning. Students should number each problem as they go and copy down the **ORIGINAL** problem. (Exception: Word Problems)
4) All answers should be circled or boxed for easy grading.
5) Calculation work should be done in a separate location on the page. (i.e. long division, subtraction with borrowing, etc.)

STUDENT BEHAVIOR SHOULD NOT INFRINGE ON THE LEARNING OF THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.

- ➔ Everyone is expected to be respectful of themselves and others.
- ➔ Be on-time and come prepared (pencil, calculator, charged iPad, notebook, textbook)
- ➔ Sharpen pencils before class starts.
- ➔ No hats, gum, phones, food.
- ➔ iPads need to be fully charged at home.
- ➔ If you prefer hand written notes, be sure to print them prior to class.

Additional practice and review is available on my website, in the textbook, and at www.classzone.com

→ Term grades will be determined by tests, quizzes, homework, math lab, and and other graded assignments (in or out of class).

→ Quizzes and tests are typically out of 100 points and will make up 80% of your grade

→ Homework is graded on a scaled of 0 – 4 and will make up 10% of your grade. Late homework will be accepted for half credit until the completion of a chapter or unit.

→ Math lab and other graded assignments are worth 10% of your grade. Math lab work is often given with enough time to complete during lab, however, occasionally work outside of class may be required.

→ If a student is present for quiz/test review, but absent on the day of the test, it should be made up **on the day the student returns from his/her absence**. All other missed tests/quizzes will be made up in a reasonable amount of time.

→ Students are responsible to touch base with the teacher to make up missed work when absent. Students should also be sure to utilize the homework website for missed assignments when absent.

→ There will be two cumulative exams during the year, a midterm in January, and a final exam in June. Both exams will count as one 100 test.

→ Quiz and test grades below a 70% will require a parent/guardian signature.

→ Corrections are offered on all assessments, regardless of grade.

→ Study guides are provided for all tests and most quizzes. Students are encouraged to complete and check answers (located on my website)