



**Pre-Algebra**  
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Welcome to 8th grade Pre-Algebra! This will be a very busy year with a lot of new math to learn. My number one goal is to prepare you for high school math success. To accomplish this goal, we must work together as a team and agree to the following:

1. Every day, you will arrive in class ready to give your best effort.
2. You will maintain a “C” average (70% or higher) in class at all times. If your grade falls below that level, you agree to attend before school tutoring, after school tutoring, or schedule an individual help session during lunch. **Failure in my class is NOT an option!**
3. You will abide by the class code of conduct and display a positive attitude.

### **Curriculum:**

State math objectives will be taught using a variety of resources. Students will work in small groups, pairs, and individually to gain understanding. The majority of work will be done in class journals which will remain at school at all times. Unit projects will be assigned and completed individually or in groups. Parents/guardians may visit the classroom to view student work at any time. Homework will be done **in class** and assessed daily during the first ten minutes of class. Occasionally, additional assignments will be provided for practice with completion earning bonus Royal bucks.

### **Grading:**

Quarterly grades will be calculated as follows:

Homework: 10%  
Daily Work: 40%  
Assessments: 50%

It is the student’s responsibility to gather and complete makeup work after an absence.

### **Discipline:**

Each student will be held accountable for his/her behavior. All consequences will be assigned as outlined in the school-wide discipline plan and related fines will be assessed. Parents/guardians will be contacted if any misbehavior becomes distracting to other learners.