Welcome to 6th Grade Math!

MRS. PYTKO

Welcome to sixth grade math! My name is Mrs. Pytko. This is my 16th year teaching at Indian Trail and my 14th year teaching 6th grade. I LOVE sixth grade. I attended Indian Trail as a student. In fact, my class was the first group of sixth graders to attend Indian Trail. I have 3 wonderful children, Dylan-10, Leah-7, and Hannah-3. My husband, Mr. Pytko, teaches 7th grade math and science at Indian Trail.

CURRICULUM

This year we will follow the Common Core State Standards in math. We will be learning about ratios and rates, the number system, expressions and equations, geometry, and statistics. For most of the units, it is important for you to know your multiplication and division facts in order for you to do your best. So, pull out your flashcards or get on your favorite math website and start reviewing now!

HOMEWORK

Homework is a time to practice the skills learned in class, prepare for a test, or extend on what has been learned. Homework is assigned everyday and is expected to be completed by the following day. Every ten assignments will be collected as a packet. Each day you will receive a stamp on your packet if all problems are complete and all work is shown. You will not be penalized for getting a problem wrong, so it is important that you try your best on all problems. Each day we will go over the answers to the homework and each student is responsible for grading their own homework with a red pen.

Once your homework packet is complete, you will turn it in for a standard mark in the work completion area of the SLP.

Homework is expected to be completed by the day it is due. If it is not completed on time, it should be completed immediately. The late assignment should be included in the packet. Your standard mark will go down to an AS if you have 2 or more late assignments within the packet. If you have 2 or more incomplete assignments, your grade will go down to an AC. Since homework is assigned everyday, please do not make it a habit of completing your work late. You will fall behind and it will be difficult for you to catch up.

DAILY SUPPLIES

- Pencils with erasers
- Red Pens
- Highlighter
- 1 1/2 inch binder OR sturdy plastic folder with brackets
- 3 Spirals
- TI 30 X IIS Scientific Calculator
- Markers/Colored Pencils
- Dry-erase marker (to be collected)
- Ruler with inches and centimeters (kept at home)
Indian Trail students are Safe, Respectful, and Responsible!

ACADEMICS
You will be assessed on the different areas of math in a variety of ways throughout the year. Final standard marks are given on the SLP once a quarter.

| ME—Meeting with Excellence | WOW=Exemplary, Exceptional, High Quality, In-Depth, Superb, Outstanding |
| MS—Meeting Standards | YES=Skilled, Adept, Solid, Capable |
| AS—Approaching Standards | YES, BUT...=Limited, Predictable, Within Reason, Generally Accurate |
| AC—Area of Concern | NO, BUT...=Unsuccessful, Partial, Well Below, Inadequate, Misconceptions, Omissions, Errors |

ABSENCES
I cannot stress enough the importance of being in school. But illnesses occur, and there may be a day or two that you need to miss school. When you return to school, it is the student’s responsibility to find out what was missed during class and for homework. Homework can be found by checking the bulletin board in the room. Any homework worksheets that were assigned will be in the homework binder. If you missed class notes or a test, you may need to come in during your lunch to make these up. If a student is absent for 3 or more days, a parent can call the office and request the homework. The office is open until 3:30 and the homework can be picked up any time before that.

BEHAVIOR
All students are expected to come to class prepared, ready to learn, and showing respect to others. Students will receive a standard mark on the SLP based on their classroom behavior. Students that do not follow the classroom expectations will fill out a blue reflection form. Consequences are given on an individual basis depending on the severity of the behavior and the number of occurrences.

EXTRA HELP
If you ever feel that you are not understanding something, please ask questions or ask me to re-explain something. If you don’t feel comfortable asking in class or feel that you need extra help, come see me before you go to lunch. I will be able to help you during the first 20 minutes of lunch. You can also arrange a time to stay after school if that is more convenient. Remember to get extra help right away. Don’t wait too long or you may not do well on the test.

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understand the information given in this newsletter. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Student Signature ________________________________________________
Parent Signature _________________________________________________