



Ms. Miller
5th Grade Math
Policies and Expectations



Homework Policy

- Homework assignments will be due the next class day unless told otherwise.
- Any assignment turned in late will receive a 10 point loss for that assignment. The late assignment must be turned in no later than one day after the due date. Any assignment not completed in the specified time frame will be given a zero.
- Students are required to show work on a separate sheet of paper. If no work is turned in with the assignment, the student will be asked to turn the work in before a grade will be given. (This is to ensure that: 1. Students are not copying answers for homework. and 2. I will be able to re-explain any misconceptions by reviewing the students' work pages to find where they are making their mistakes.)
- Any assignment that receives a "D" or "F" will be sent home for a parent/guardian signature to be returned to school the following day.

Tests

- Each chapter is divided into approximately five or six lessons. Students will complete worksheets and/or activities for each lesson that could serve as great study tools. I recommend saving these sheets until the test has been given for that chapter.
- After completing all the lessons for the chapter, students will review in class for an upcoming test and be given a study guide to be completed. The study guide will be graded, reviewed, and returned to use as another study tool.
- Any test that receives a "D" or "F" will be sent home for a parent/guardian signature to be returned to school the following day.

"Free Grade"

- I like to do what I call a "free grade" for Math assignments. A free grade is when students work on an assignment in class or for homework that I will grade for "free" one time before actually taking a grade. After students finish an assignment, they may bring it to me to check. I will circle the answers that are incorrect with a pencil, so they may retry the problem again before turning it in for the final grade.
- If your child brings home a math assignment with certain numbers circled on the page, you will be able to concentrate on those few problems as opposed to trying to check all of the problems.

"Redo" Work

- If an assignment is returned with "Redo" written on it, students have a chance to redo the work for a better grade. The student can redo the work and turn it in the next class day. I will regrade the assignment, and take the average of the two grades for the assignment.



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Calculators

- Calculators are essential! Students MUST have a calculator.

- After the completion of the multiplication and division chapters, students will be able to use calculators on all assignments and tests, unless told otherwise. This greatly decreases the amount of time spent on problems and allows the student to focus more on the concept of word problems rather the solving of the functions.

- It is the student's responsibility to have a calculator at all times. I would recommend having a calculator at school and at home, so there will be one available anytime needed.

V Math (vmathlive.com)

V Math is an online website the school has purchased a license to for students to practice math skills. Each student will have a username and password for the website. Once logged in, students can practice skills, take tests, and even race other students online from other countries!

Your child's account will track his/her progress in each of the categories. In the fifth grade, your child will see such areas as: place value, geometry, fractions, percentage, decimals, etc. The website basically practices and tests all math concepts taught in the fifth grade. This website can be used at both school and home.

The classes last year really enjoyed the website. They learned and reinforced math skills that while having fun!

Questions or Concerns

- If you have any questions or concerns regarding Math class (homework, tests, discipline, expectations, confusions, etc.), please feel free to contact me. I will do my best to help with anything that I can.
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