**Instructor:** Ms. Jeannette Borges

**Course:** 6th Grade – Mathematics

**Room:** Room 204

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**Conference Times:** 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. *(By appointment only)*

**Course Description:** The purpose of this class is to develop math skills needed to solve real world problems. The topics covered in this class are:

* Ratios and Rates
* Fractions, Decimals, and Percents
* Compute Multi-Digit Numbers
* Multiply and Divide Fractions
* Integers and the Coordinate Plane
* Expressions and Equations
* Inequalities
* Area, Volume and Surface Area
* Statistical Measures and Displays

**Materials Required:** Three ring binder (*2 inch*), Dividers (5-Pack), Notebook Paper (*4 packs minimum. Will be used throughout the year*), # 2 Pencils (*2 packages. Will be used throughout the year*), 2 red pens (mandatory), composition notebook, colored pencils or crayons, scissors, glue stick (jumbo sized), individual adhesive divider tabs (will be used for interactive notebook), personal headphones for computer station (mandatory), mini stapler, and a notebook 3-hole punch.

**Binder Setup:** Binder should be divided into **four** sections: Warm Up, Notes/Classwork, Vocabulary, and Home Learning.

***(If you are enrolled in Intensive Mathematics, please add an additional divider labeled “Intensive Math”)***

* + *Note: Binders will be checked and graded every nine-week period and will be assigned 3 grades. Students will be graded on the following:*
    - **Content:** All notes and assignments kept in the binder MUST be dated and organized in chronological order.
    - **Homework:**  MUST be dated and kept in chronological order.
    - **Presentation:** You should not have ANY papers in the pockets of the binder; everything should be filed within dividers - in chronological order! This will be easier if you adhere to the policy of dating EVERYTHING! ☺ Binders must be kept neat! Please make sure that you take care of your binder so that it doesn’t rip, break, or fall apart. If your binder breaks before the end of the school year, it is YOUR responsibility to replace it before the binder check; if not, the presentation grade will be affected.

**Assignments:**

* **Quizzes** will be given on material covered in class and students will be notified in advance of them in order to give ample study time.
* **Topic Tests** are cumulative assessments for material covered in class. Students will be notified in advance so that they have adequate time to study and prepare.
  + *Note: If you miss a quiz or a test you will have the opportunity to make it up. However, you only have a one week time frame from the date of your absence to do so.*
    - *IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO MAKE UP THE TEST.*
* **Projects** will be assigned to encourage application of concepts learned in class (*one every nine-weeks*)
  + *Note: Projects are worth* ***three grades*** *and must be turned in on the due date.* 
    - *If you don’t turn in your project, you will earn* ***three Z’s****.*
* **Computer Lab Activities** are beneficial to student progress and will be graded bi-monthly.
* **Interactive Notebook** (Composition Notebook) will be graded every 4 weeks.
* **Extra Credit** is not mandatory but recommended to help improve final grade.

**Grading Criteria:**

Binder 3 grades every nine-weeks

Interactive Notebook 1 grade every 4 weeks

Projects 3 grades every nine weeks (1 Project)

Quiz 1 grade

Topic Test 2 grades

Computer Activity 2 grades (monthly)

Extra Credit 1 grade (monthly)

**Grade Point Average:** When calculating the grade for a semester or an annual course, the following grade point average will be used:

A = 3.50 or above B = 2.50 – 3.49 C = 1.50 – 2.49 D = 1.00 – 1.49 F = 0.99 or below

**Grading Scale:**

A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69% F= 0-59%

(4 pts.) (3 pts.) (2 pts.) (1 pt.) (0 pts.)

**Home Learning Policy:**

* Home learning will be checked daily.
* A student who misses more than 5 home learning assignments within a nine-week period will serve a detention ***or*** receive further consequences if the detention is not served.
* Students who miss less than 4 home learning assignments in a one month period, will receive a no homework pass from the teacher.

**Attendance Policy:**

* Students who are absent **must** provide a parent note upon their return.
* **If absences exceed five days a doctor’s note is required by the school.**
* Students **must** provide a note from the delaying teacher or administrator if they are tardy.

**Class Rules:**

1. Arrive to class on time.
2. Bring materials and class binder daily.
3. Be polite to all students and teachers in the class.

**Conduct Policy:**

If you **follow** all classroom requirements the following will occur:

* Positive phone call to parents/guardians
* Post of honor on class website
* Reward from teacher: pen, pencils, no homework pass, extra credit coupon, certificate from teacher

If you **fail** to follow the classroom rules the following will occur:

* First Offense: Verbal Warning
* Second Offense: Parent Contact
* Third Offense: Conduct grade will be affected
* Fourth Offense: Detention
* Fifth Offense: Parent Conference
* Sixth Offense: Referral

**PLEASE SIGN BELOW IF YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE INFORMATION.**

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**Parent/Guardian – Print Name** **Parent/Guardian – Signature**

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**Student – Print Name**   **Student– Signature**