

MATHEMATICS

Mr. Benson

Room 217

Welcome to our classroom! I anticipate this is going to be an exciting and challenging school year. Here are a few things you need to be familiar with in order to be successful in this class. Remember, everyone has the opportunity to be successful! The choice is yours, and I am here to help in any way I can.

Classroom Management

Our classroom follows very basic concepts to help manage the learning environment. Students who are responsible and have a positive attitude increase their chances for a successful school year.

What if...

...I am absent? Students can find notes and handouts for their class at my website, absent folder will be located in the front of the classroom that will contain any handouts a student may need. It is the responsibility of the student to get materials and/or notes missed.

...I miss a test or a quiz? I will typically remind the student once that you need to make up a quiz and/or test. It is your responsibility to schedule a time (possibly in study hall or primetime) to make up the test and/or quiz.

...I do not have my homework or it is incomplete? Homework is extremely important in math. The homework grading scale is posted below and in the classroom. Homework is due at the beginning of each class. Students are able to hand in homework late. However, this is not a habit I would recommend. Any student who has a missed or incomplete assignment must fill out a Homework Slip for a Missing Assignment. Please keep in mind that missing work is the number one reason students receive poor grades in math.

HOMWORK GRADING SCALE

1 point- completed and neatly done

½ point- partially completed and/or sloppy

0 points- incomplete and/or not legible

Homework grades will be recorded in the grade book once every two weeks.

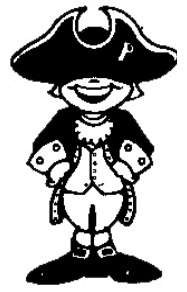
How...

...does Mr. Benson calculate my grade? Your math grade will be comprised of homework, quizzes, projects, and tests. Pfeiffer's grading scale is below. Parents will be able to view student's grades online by early September. (<http://perry.net.sparcc.org/pinnacle/index.htm>) You are responsible for keeping a grade recording sheet in your math folder.

GRADE	PERCENTAGE GRADE DISTRIBUTION
<i>A</i>	<i>94-100</i>
<i>A-</i>	<i>91-93</i>
<i>B+</i>	<i>88-90</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>84-87</i>
<i>B-</i>	<i>81-83</i>
<i>C+</i>	<i>78-80</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>74-77</i>
<i>C-</i>	<i>71-73</i>
<i>D+</i>	<i>68-70</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>64-67</i>
<i>D-</i>	<i>61-63</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>0-60</i>

...do I get extra help if I need it? As much as I try to see struggling students, it is also the responsibility of the student to ask for help when they feel they need it. I encourage you to ask at any time you feel you are not understanding a concept. The quicker you ask, the quicker I can help.

* We will use the calculators that you purchased in sixth grade (TI-34-II). Calculators can be purchased for **\$17.00** in the office or your homeroom.



PARENT - STUDENT SIGNATURE FORM

In order to have a great school year it is important for the teacher and parent(s)/guardian(s) to have an open line of communication. Reading and understanding our classroom management policies will help curtail any problems that may come up through the school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns you may have about your child's study of mathematics this year. Thank you.

PARENTS

Here is a chance to earn your child extra credit. Simply access our class website by going to <http://perrynet.sparcc.org/> Find the Extra Credit link off of my homepage. Email me your student's name and class periods in the subject line. That's it! An easy two points. This is a one-time deal that is due no later than Friday, September 4th at 2:30 pm.

Thank you,
Mr. Benson

Email address: bensonm@perry1.sparcc.org

***PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS ENTIRE SHEET NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, September 4th.**

I/We _____ and _____
(Parent/Guardian) (Student)

have read the classroom management policies for seventh grade math.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature/Date

Student Signature/Date

This form is available on Mr. Benson's homepage at: <http://perrynet.sparcc.org/>