

# 6th Grade Math

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## What to Expect this year in Math

Welcome to my math class! Sixth grade math focuses on rational numbers: fractions, decimals, percents, ratios, etc. We will investigate these topics through a variety of assignments and projects. We will also explore some algebra concepts in preparation for Pre-Algebra and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math.

Math can be a challenging and sometimes overwhelming subject. I am available everyday during RA, and during lunch to help students with assignments, to review concepts, or to talk about how math class is going. I *highly* encourage students and parents to stop by, call, or email me if you have questions or concerns. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your parents. It is going to be an exciting year!

## Keeping in Contact

### Voicemail

563-6229 ext. 3103

I check my voicemail daily and will return calls within a day.

### Email

jennifer.wilkes@ccsdut.org

### Web-site

<http://www.ccsdut.org/webpages/JWilkes/>

Use this website to access current homework information, class policies, and links to some assignments.

### Email Newsletter

I send an email newsletter every week or two to update parents on class news. Please add me to your safe senders list so that the newsletter is not filtered into your junk mailbox.

### PowerSchool

Login information was included with your registration packet. Please login in to access current student progress. You can also setup to receive automatic email grade notifications. I recommend you receive emails or login **weekly** so that you can stay up-to-date on student progress.

### Signed Homework

Students can receive a bonus point on each and every homework assignment by having a parent initial the homework. Those bonus points add up if done consistently and can make a difference in a student's grade. These bonus points are the only extra credit I offer.

### Weekly Grade printouts

Students receive a weekly grade printout (usually every Thursday). Please check it for accuracy and take care of missing work as soon as possible.

Each student will receive a **Math Notebook** which will be used daily in class. The **Math Notebook** will not only contain the notes and examples presented in class, but it will also contain information about class policies, suggestions for earning a good grade, and other general information. This notebook should be useful for parents as well as students.

# Classroom Expectations

All students have a right to learn in a positive and productive classroom.

Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior in 3 aspects during class time.

The following violations interfere with that right and will be recorded on each student's citizenship citation sheet.

## Be Respectful

- Disruptive Behavior
- Speaking out of turn
- Not keeping hands, feet, objects to self; disrespect of others' personal bubbles!

## Be Responsible

- Misuse of items and property in classroom. Writing on your desk, book, calculator, etc.
- Not following instructions; insubordination.

## Be Ready

- Homework not in class
- No pencil
- No notes/notebook

Consequences for receiving repeated citations may include parent phone calls, missing class breaks or lunch period, office referral, or parent shadow.

# Grading

Everything we do in class contributes to your class grade. All of your scores are averaged to give you your final grade. Different types of scores are weighted differently in your final grade.

- 40% Assignments
- 40% Tests and Projects
- 10% Quizzes
- 10% Math Notebook

A	95-100%
A-	90-94%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	75-79%
C	70-74%
C-	65-69%
D+	60-64%
D	55-59%
D-	50-54%

## Citizenship

Students earn a citizenship grade based on their behavior during class.

## Honor

Two or fewer tardies or citations.

## Satisfactory

Five or fewer tardies or citations.

## Needs Improvement

Eight or fewer tardies or citations.

## Unsatisfactory

Nine or more tardies or citations.

# Materials

You will need to bring paper, pencil, and a pen to class EVERYDAY!

You will be given a math notebook that you will use everyday. Bring it to class and take it home; it will be your best help in completing your homework.

You don't need to carry your math book to class; I have a set of textbooks which will be used during class. You

will take your math book home and keep it at home to use for homework. You are responsible to keep that textbook until the end of the school year. Take care of it and don't lose it; it will cost you nearly \$50 to replace. All other materials needed in class will be provided.

Please be responsible with all materials and manipulatives used in class.

In class everyday:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Pen
- Math Notebook (provided)

