

Mrs. Spencer's **DIAMOND BACK MATH 7**

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." - Walt Disney

Welcome to Math 7! I am excited to explore all the puzzles and possibilities of mathematical thinking with YOU!!!!

Keys to success for this school year:

- #1 Think of your brain as a muscle that grows stronger each time you use it.
- #2 It is OK to make mistakes in this class, work with others, and try again. We learn the best as we correct our mistakes.
- #3 Keep trying-you will master the concepts if you practice enough
- #4 Respect others' rights.

Classroom Rights:

- Each person has the right to...
 - Courtesy when talking or demonstrating.
 - Learn without negative criticism.
 - Learn without distraction from others.
 - Experience a clean and safe environment.

PARENTS; PLEASE READ and DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS with your student:

*****Class Tools:** *Please have the following for class: Pencils, Headphones (for Chromebook-they can just be simple earbuds-nothing wireless), and Calculator (any simple calculator will work), and a regular folder for any loose math papers*

Bell Work: Bellwork will be given at the beginning of each class period. The accumulated bellwork assignments will be due at the end of the week. There will be a bell work quiz every Friday.

In-Class work/Homework/i-Ready:

There will be short daily in-class assignments to go with our daily lesson. If this assignment is not finished in class it may become homework. I-Ready is our web-based assessment and learning system. There are explanations linked to each problem and some videos to help students and parents. Students will be assigned a specific i-ready lesson each week that coincides with our in-class instruction. This will be their weekly homework and due the following Monday. Reports will be printed Monday morning and scores recorded. Homework scores will only be updated once a week, with possible exceptions at midterms and end of terms.

Tests/Quizzes: These will be administered throughout the year to help me assess my students' needs and help guide my instruction. There is a strong correlation between homework problems and test questions. Students are strongly encouraged to review homework problems prior to each exam.

Students may make arrangements to take a test again in order to show improved mastery after successfully completing assignments, the practice test, and/or attending a re-teaching session.

Grading: Grades are weighted as follows: Assignments (30%), Tests and Quizzes (70%)

| A | B | C | I |
|--------|-------|-------|----------|
| 90-100 | 80-89 | 70-79 | Below 70 |

Students will be expected to abide by the classroom rights and become familiar with the classroom procedures. I want all students to feel comfortable and I will encourage them to be interactive and participate in the day's mathematical activities. Students are expected to monitor themselves to help maintain a positive learning environment, giving everyone a chance to succeed. If a student is not being respectful of the rights of others in the class, the parent(s) or guardian (s) will be contacted to find a way to resolve the problem.

Diamond Fork Values Citizenship:

- Respect: I will treat teachers, staff, students and substitutes politely.
I take care of school property and the property of others.
I follow classroom rules including cell phone use.
I come prepared for class.
- Compassion: I treat others with kindness at all times, including on social media.
I watch for others who may need a friend, including members of my team.
- Courage: I stand up for myself and others if bullied.
I tackle tasks that are difficult.
- Integrity: I risk making mistakes. I learn from my mistakes.
I demonstrate honesty in my actions and words.
- Perseverance: I do my own work without copying others or allowing others to copy from me.
I engage and participate during the entire class period.
I complete and take pride in my work.
I turn in assignments on time.
I re-do assignments when needed.
I stay back for E-Time when asked without Complaint.

Academic Integrity

1. Cheating -- copying from another student's test or assignments.
2. Inappropriate collaboration -- working with others when you should be working independently or failure to do your share on a group project.

***Either of these will result in the loss of citizenship points.

Contact Information:

➤Email (best method): calleen.spencer@nebo.edu

(Please put the student name and class period in the subject line.)

➤Phone: 801.798.4052 (School)

➤In person: Room 13, 7:30-7:50 (M - F), 2:45-3:10 (T - F)