

To 7th Grade Parents:

Welcome back to school. I look forward to speaking with everyone personally . My routines and procedures are essentially the same this year as last year. I have summarized the important points below just as reminders.

Homework:Expect homework every night. I use homework to give the students practice at the skills and concepts learned in class. I also use the homework to measure the individual student's grasp of the skills and concepts. The notebook containing classwork and homework should come home daily so your child can refer to the classwork for help with homework. If your child is unable to complete the homework even using the classwork and with some minimal help from you, please write a note on the homework page to let me know that your child is having trouble with this topic.I do not "grade" homework as if it were a test, so errors on the homework do not count against the student. We do go over homework together everyday, and each student is expected to correct errors.

Tutorial:I am available for extra help after school two afternoons each week: Monday and Thursday from 3:40 until about 4:30. During this time I can help students who need a little more explanation of specific problem areas. Because I often have students from all grade levels I am unable to give individual students intense one-on-one tutoring. I am, however, able to assist with homework and clear up confusion and/or misunderstanding. Students also use this time to make up work missed due to absences.

Basic Skills Mastery:All students in the 7th and 8th grades should have in their “tool box” the mastery of the following basic facts.

- **100 multiplication facts through 12 x 12 in four minutes,**
- **16 sets of fraction/decimal/percent equivalents in 2 minutes**
- Additionally, **8th graders must master the list of 25 perfect squares.** This also will be evaluated on September 14.
- **Students who fail to master the basic facts will be required to retest until they achieve mastery**

Because these facts are so basic to mathematical competency, I am requiring mastery with a minimum passing grade of 95% by the first interim report.

.The 7th and 8th grade texts contain references to on-line resources which are very helpful to the students. For each lesson, there is a tutorial and a quiz. There is also a chapter test. The codes for these are referenced in every lesson. Students should be using these resources to practice skills taught in each lesson as well as to review for chapter tests.

Please feel free to contact me personally to discuss your child. You may use my email, elburkeshs67@comcast.net and my home phone, 912-352-0467. I want to work with you as a team to make this year successful for your student.

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