

**Dear Parents:**

Welcome to my math class! I look forward to teaching your children. We have a busy, exciting and challenging curriculum planned for the students. My goal is to insure the right of all students to a positive productive learning environment. I am very clear with the students about my expectations regarding assignments, work habits, and citizenship.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Algebra 1 College Prep will aim to cover the majority of the text, *Algebra 1 by Larson, Boswell, Kanold and Stiff (2007)*, and all twenty five of the California Geometry Standards. This course will prepare the student to score proficient or above on the STAR Algebra 1 exam, pass the CAHSEE and be prepared for the SAT's.

**HOMEWORK:** Homework will be assigned at most once or twice a week.

**ABSENCES:** Students have the number of days equal to the number of days absent to turn in missed work. Work that was assigned before absences is still due on the original due date or the day the student returns. I expect both in class work/notes and homework to be made up when the student is absent. It is the absent student's responsibility to get the work from the teacher. There is no time in class for doing make-up work. If you are absent the day of a quiz, the next one you take will count twice. Tests must be made up after school.

**TARDIES:** I will use the school wide tardy progressive discipline plan. Please see your student handbook for further details.

**GRADES:** I will use a standard grading scale (see below). Tests are 40%, Quizzes are 10%, Homework/Classwork is 40% and Accelerated Reader is 10%. If a student scores proficient or advanced on their Math STAR test, I will improve their earned class grade by one letter for both first and/or second semester. It is the student's responsibility to notify me if they score proficient or advanced.

A+ 97%-100%	C+ 77%-79%
A 94%-96%	C 74%-77%
A- 90%-93%	C- 70%-73%
B+ 87%-89%	D+ 67%-69%
B 84%-86%	D 64%-67%
B- 80%-83%	D- 60%-63%
	F 0%-59%

**Note:** Beginning with the class of 2012, a 2.0 GPA is required by the end of the first semester of a student's senior year in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

**SUPPLIES YOU NEED:**

- Pencils or Pens
- Line paper and graph paper
- A red pen for correcting homework
- Scientific calculator, ruler, protractor and compass. A class set will be provided, but it is strongly suggested students have their own at home.
- Three ring binder and at least three dividers to keep work organized. There will be a binder check in order to keep students accountable for organization.
- 3 dividers: Homework, Notes and Classwork

**Rules: Respect and Responsibility**

What do Respect and Responsibility mean in Mrs. Broussard's classroom?

- Be seated at all times.

- One person talks, everyone else listens.
- Treat others as you want to be treated.
- No iPods or cell phones.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1. First warning
2. After school half an hour detention and call home
3. 1 hour after school detention and call home
4. Saturday School and call home
5. Office Referral and call home
6. Parent, teacher, student and assistant principal conference
7. Remove from class

**COMMUNICATION:** Grades will be posted on Zangle whenever a quiz or test grade is added. District progress reports and report cards will be sent home. Check the school website for dates. I encourage the students to ask me questions directly rather than go through you. However, you are more than welcome to contact me at any time via email or phone. ***I will not provide an individual Zangle printout, it is the student's responsibility to know their Zangle username and password.***

**TEXTBOOKS:** Students will keep their textbooks at home. I have a classroom set for use at school. The book must still be covered and kept clean at home.

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

This letter is to be kept in the student's binder all year for reference. Please read and **SIGN** the following page and return it to me. I look forward to an exciting and productive year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jessica Broussard

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**I have received and read the math letter from Mrs. Broussard.**

**Print** Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Print** Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If there is anything I should know about this student, please write a note below.