

# **Welcome to Middle School Math!**

My name is Stephanie Sloan and I will be your child's 6th grade advanced math teacher. This will be my 13th year teaching middle school math and my second year at LDMS. Below is some information about this year. Please read through this and fill out the questions that follow. I am looking forward to another great year!

## **Checking Grades**

Please make sure you and your student are checking grades on Skyward weekly. If there is a question, have your student either email me or ask the next day in tutorials or class. Any assignment that is given as a paper copy will be linked to the assignment in Skyward.

## **Bell Ringer**

Each day, when students enter the classroom, there will be a Bell Ringer on the board for them to complete. Students will be given a Bell Ringer paper on Monday and are responsible to keep up with this throughout the week. The Bell Ringer paper is where students will be completing the daily task. These tasks are graded on participation and effort and not on accuracy. This is a grade students will not be allowed to remediate. These will be collected for a grade at the end of the week.

## **Homework**

Students will be assigned homework on Fridays and it will be due the following Friday. Homework will be assigned through our online textbook and will need to be completed online. Students may complete this at home, during tutorials, or by utilizing Falcon Library times. The online platform allows for students to check their answers, rework problems and even try another if they are not successful the first time. There are also many tools that will help students solve the problems. Students are required to show all of their thinking on the paper provided and will need to be turned in on Fridays, when the homework is due.

There are times when formatting can be troublesome or they are stuck on a problem. Please do not allow your student to spend time struggling through this. They can talk to me in class the next day or during the next tutorial time and I will help them get it figured out. Students who come to me with these issues will not be penalized due to turning in assignments late, within reason.

## **Late work**

Work is expected to be completed in a timely manner. Up to 10 points will be taken off of the earned grade for each week the assignment is late.

## **Tutorials**

Tutorials will be Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 - 8:25 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:50 - 4:30. The library also offers Falcon Library where students may work on what they need to in the library from 4:30 - 6:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Times may change as the school year progresses. I will make sure students are aware of any changes.

## **Practice Academy**

Practice Academies will be held after school. This is the time for students to practice expectations that they are struggling with during class.

For example:

- If a student is having a difficult time with properly handling their chromebook, after 3 reminders, they will be assigned a practice academy to practice this skill.
- If a student is interrupting instruction, after 3 reminders, they will be assigned a practice academy to practice this skill.

## **Technology**

We are excited about all of the new technology on our campus this year. We will be using Chromebooks daily. Students will be assigned a specific Chromebook in class and they are responsible for proper use of that Chromebook from the time they take it out of the cart until the time they put it back in the cart. Students are responsible for reporting any problems with their assigned Chrome book as soon as they notice the problem. Failure to follow any and all Chromebook procedures will result in a Practice Academy after school.

Please contact me with any questions. A copy of this letter can be found on my website.

Thank you,

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