

Course: Math 1, 2, 3 and Statistics

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### **Practice Makes Progress!**

It is my goal as your instructor this year to help you learn and grow in your mathematical practice. We will focus on reducing the anxiety many learners feel around math, as a result of prior experiences and biases around math. We will question the uses math has in our world, and how it is used to convey information. We will improve our own personal understanding of math, while using the framework of the California State Standards. We will learn how to work through our own learning challenges, and engage ourselves as members of a learning community.

### **What Students Want to Know:**

Food, water, bathroom--Please step outside to take care of your body when you need to. You may be in the quad right outside the door (where I can see you), or in the bathroom. Please remember that class will continue to roll forward, so you might miss important information.

Supplies: You should always have paper and writing implements, I suggest a pencil and a single subject notebook. Highlighters or colored pencils can be helpful, as can sticky notes.

Textbook: At the moment, you only need these in the classroom, I will let you know if that changes. If you would like a book at home, please let me know, and I will provide one.

Homework: You will get practice in class. Homework will be rare, at least for the first quarter as we all adjust to being back in the classroom.

How to Reach Me: The best way to reach me is by email. Please remember to check your email, as that is how I communicate with you.

### **Grading:**

Here is the breakdown of grading.

10% --Class check for understanding-we will do one of these on Friday, so you will see how it works.

30%--Practice time--this includes wise use of time, asking questions, etc. as well as completion of work. We will have a practice session every day in class.

30%--Activity based learning (classroom experiences that help illuminate the mathematics), these might include math walks, games, art activities, research and writing. There will usually be one of these per week.

10%--Individual Quizzes, these will be once a month, and are an opportunity for us to notice improvements.

10%-- Review Tests, these will be once a quarter, and will cover all previous material.

10%--Giving Feedback-it is essential that we give feedback to each other about progress. There will be opportunities to provide feedback such as raising your hand for quick polls, taking surveys, writing responses to questions on your paper, and participating in class discussions.

### **What Parents Want To Know:**

Homework: There will be very little take home work during the first semester, as we all adjust to being back at school.

Tests: Students have opportunities to improve any part of their grade, including tests and quizzes. Those procedures will be outlined in class and accessible to all students.

Zoom parent conferences: Please let me know if you would like to schedule a conference.

Google Classroom: Everything is posted on google classroom as an assignment so that it shows on student calendars. I post videos and photo albums of notes from class. Have students look there first.

Grading: My grading is usually very up to date, please email me if you have any questions.

Zoom/after school hours with students: I have office hours on A days from 2:45-3:30 PM and on B days from 1:15-2:00 PM, students can get one on one, or small group help during that time, and they are welcome to use the space to complete practice work if needed. If a student needs to meet urgently, please have them email me, and I can schedule a meeting with them in person or by zoom.

Covid Safety--Students should stay home if they are ill, no matter what they are ill with. Physical and mental well-being is a priority and students will be offered opportunities to participate if needed. All students should sanitize their hands on entering the classroom, and

will be required to wear face masks while indoors. Please contact me if your student has to miss class for any reason so that we can work out a plan for them.