

7th/8th Grade Math

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I am looking forward to an exciting school year here at Cure' of Ars. This will be my first year here at Cure' having taught fourth grade at Sacred Heart School in Ottawa, KS last year. I student taught in a variety of schools and grades from Shawnee Mission West High School, Prairie Elementary, and Paola Middle School. My goal here is to help your students expand on their math knowledge and abilities as well as involving real life problem solving skills that come outside of their texts.

Group work:

I use small groups nearly every day- as long as the students can handle themselves- for a small set of introductory problems. The name charts on their desk give me a very quick and easy system to constantly create new groups. I feel this is beneficial to the students because communication and teamwork with a variety of people is a skill that they will need as they grow.

Maps testing:

We will MAPS test three times per school year. August 29th, November 28th, and May 1st. These are not figured into the students' grades.

Grades:

Grading is a simple number of points earned divided by number of points possible in the class. Tests are not weighted differently than homework- however the amount of points possible is mostly test/quiz points.

Homework:

I will do my best to keep homework to a minimum. Some of their problems can be complex and time consuming. As the students are busy balancing seven classes as well as extracurricular activities I understand that putting too much on their plate can be more harmful than good.

Homework assignments will all be graded on the following scale (-1 if late)

- 3 points- the student knocked it out of the park.
- 2 points- the student had a few errors or was missing work to show how they solved a problem
- 1 point- the student did little work
- 0 points- no paper turned in by test date

Quizzes:

Simple 1-3 problem quizzes will be given on a weekly basis. (approx. 9/quarter)

Tests:

Students will be allowed an opportunity to correct any mistakes after taking a test. They will have 24 hours to make these corrections after I hand back the tests. They will receive half credit for corrections.

All Classes will have an Envision online account. This will allow me to give them video tutorials as well as extra practice. The Envision classes (the ones using the texts) will be used more heavily than those that do not, but I will pull helpful videos from time to time to assist. I also have a www.khanacademy.org classroom that I will use as an online resource to aid with instructional videos.