

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Hello and welcome to your 8th grade year at Monroe! My name is Mrs. Anderson and I am very excited about working with you and your student. I know we will have a successful and productive school year.

Along with this letter is a syllabus for the Math 8 course. It contains materials needed, the grading scale and breakdown, policies and expectations. It also highlights why math is important as well as contact information.

There are four main expectations for my classroom:

Respect others

Respect the teacher

Respect the property of others

Respect yourself

I expect student to come prepared to class each and every day with materials, completed homework and an open mind. This is a difficult course but you can succeed in this class by attending every day, completing homework assignments and participating in class.

There are many ways you can support your child's academic progress at home:

- Ask your child what they learned in school every day
- Encourage your child to ask questions in class and come in for extra help when they need it. I am available before school, during lunch and after school
- Make sure you check ParentVue for up to date grades
- Check the Google Classroom with your student

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. You do not have to wait until conferences to meet with me. I am always willing to talk to you. Call me at school at (630-682-2285 ext. 5667) before or after school or feel free to e-mail me at Katherine.Anderson@cusd200.org if you need anything.

Please fill out the area below to ensure that you have seen this letter and the syllabus and have your student return the signed section to class by Tuesday August 27th. This will be a homework grade.

“Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you are usually right.” -Henry Ford
Thank you very much!

Ms. Katie Anderson

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mrs.
Anderson

Math 8

Monroe Middle School

2019-2020

Supplies You Need For Class:

- Textbook
- Pencils
- Red Pen
- Notebook/
Paper
- 3 Ring
Binder
(1.5"-2")
- Calculator
- Graph
Paper

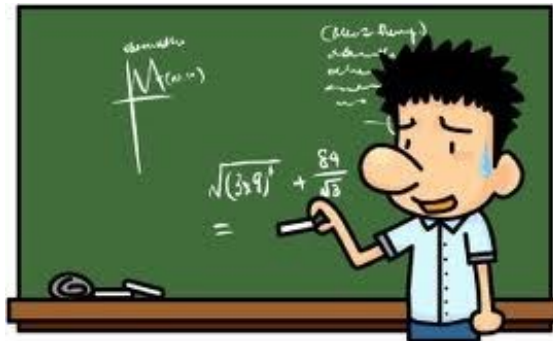
Why Study Math?

We use math everyday!

- Transportation
- Telling Time
- Handling Money

Math is more than formulas and equations.

It's logic. It's rationality. It's using your mind to solve the biggest mysteries we know. We will emphasize the importance of **problem solving** and **critical thinking** through this class.



Topics Covered:

Number
System
Expressions/
Equations
Functions
Geometry
Statistics/
Probability

Grades

A+ 98-100	A 93-97	A- 90-92
B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80-82
C+ 77-79	C 73-76	C- 70-72
D+ 67-69	D 60-66	F below 59

NOTE: Grades are NOT rounded

Each quarter grade is based on
the following:

Practice (HW, Exit Slips, Etc.)	20%
Quizzes	30%
Tests	50%

Cheating

I will not tolerate any cheating. If you are caught, you will be given a zero as well as disciplinary action. Forms of cheating include, but are not limited to: copying homework/projects, talking during a test, wandering eyes during tests and quizzes, use of cell phone during or after a test, or giving assistance to other students during a quiz or test.



Homework

"There is no substitute for hard work." - Thomas Edison

- ◇ Homework is to be completed in pencil
- ◇ Complete the problems with WORK. Math is about the thinking process used as well as getting the answer.
- ◇ Homework will be out of 10 points based on both accuracy and effort.
- ◇ Every day an assignment is late, 2 points will be deducted.
- ◇ All assignments from the chapter must be turned in prior to the chapter test

Absences & Tardies

Absences

- ◇ If absent, you should get the notes from a classmate.
- ◇ If you know of your absence in advance, you should notify Mrs. Anderson as soon as possible to get the work. Do not wait until the day before (if possible).
- ◇ If you are missing school because of a field trip, vacation, doctors appoint, etc. you are expected to be ready for class the next day.
- ◇ If you miss a quiz or test, you should make an appointment with me to find a time to make up this quiz or test. You will have two days to complete this.
- ◇ If you need to miss class for Band or Orchestra, you must talk to me one school day prior to the absence. It is then up to the teacher if it is a day you can miss. (If you do not have the appropriate work completed for the day of the absent, you may not leave)
- ◇ Unless previously discussed, If you miss school the day before a quiz or a test and return the next day, **YOU ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE QUIZ/TEST!!!!**
- ◇ If you are sick, you have two days to complete your missing work. If you are sick for an extended period, talk with Mrs. Anderson about when the assignments are due.

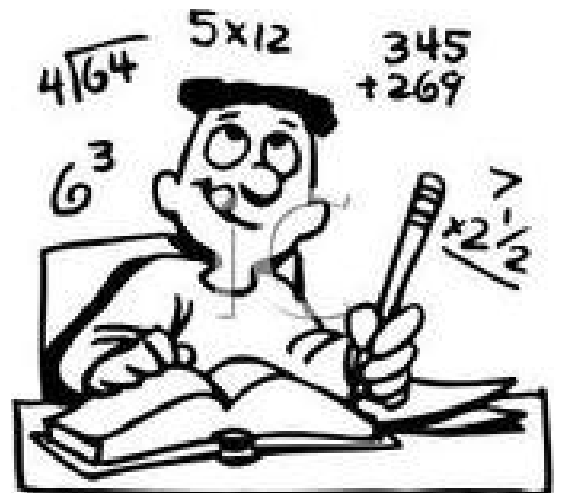
Tardies:

- ◇ You should be in the classroom and ready to take notes when the bell rings. This does not mean sprinting into the classroom as the bell rings. I start class immediately, so don't be late! After 3 tardies, you will receive an after school detention so come on time!

To access the online textbook, go to
<https://www.bigideasmath.com/BIM/login>

Username: jmonroe051

Password: Anderson92



Questions or Concerns

If you have any concerns or questions, please discuss it with me. I will have office hours when you can come in for help or to discuss a grade on

- ◇ **Tuesdays before school**
- ◇ **Wednesdays after school**

or by appointment through Thanksgiving break (new office hours will begin in December). Another way to contact me is through e-mail at Katherine.Anderson@cusd200.org or by phone at 630-682-2285 ext. 5667