

2020-2021 7th GRADE MATH CLASS

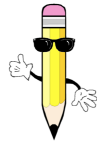
Dear Parents
and Students:

My name is Ms. Kim Rector and I will be your child's math teacher. This is my 28th year teaching at Mason Middle School. I am an alumna of Mason Consolidated Schools and I am proud to be a part of the Mason Educational system. :)



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CLASS

- We have homework nearly every day. Practice makes perfect! ☺
- Supplies needed every day:
 - ✓ 3-ring binder (1½-inch)
 - ✓ 2 dividers
 - ✓ Spiral notebook each quarter
 - ✓ Pencils
 - ✓ Notebook paper
- All homework will be completed in pencil. **Beginning class without a pencil will result in a DETENTION.** Pencils are available everyday (to borrow) before class begins on my desk.
- **Discipline Policy**
 - ✓ Students accumulating 3 unexcused tardies will earn a detention.
 - ✓ Students acting inappropriately will earn an infraction. Infractions are reset at the end of the quarter.
 - 1st Infraction = Warning
 - 2nd Infraction = 1 minute after class
 - 3rd Infraction = Call home & 1 min.
 - 4th Infraction = Detention
 - 5th Infraction = Referral to office



Math topics this year:

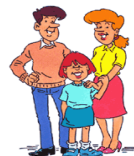
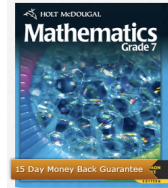
- ⇒ Algebraic Reasoning
- ⇒ Applying Rational Numbers
- ⇒ Proportional Relationships
- ⇒ Graph Interpretation
- ⇒ Percents in the Real World
- ⇒ Collecting Displaying & Analyzing Data
- ⇒ Geometric Figures
- ⇒ Measurement and Geometry
- ⇒ Probability
- ⇒ Multi-Step Equations and Inequalities



BOOK ONLINE 

MATH BOOK IS ONLINE

We will be following the Michigan Common Core curriculum. Each student will have a book and be able to access his/her book online. Students will be assigned a username and password at the end of the first week of school. No more running up to school after hours if your child forgot his/her book at school. There are helpful videos, resources, and activities to practice. Go to my.hrw.com and learn more.



Username _____

Password _____

helpful links

1. Home Access Center – grades updated over the weekend
 - ❖ Find link on middle school home page
2. Google Classroom – all daily homework will be posted here
 - ❖ classroom.google.com
3. ClassDojo – communication tool between parent and teacher
 - ❖ classdojo.com
4. Online math book
 - ❖ my.hrw.com
5. National Library of Virtual Manipulatives – digital tools to help assist in math concepts
 - ❖ <http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>



MATH WEBSITES

1. Study Island – provides test prep questions – checks strengths in math
 - ❖ www.studyisland.com
2. IXL – drill & practice problems all levels
 - ❖ www.ixl.com
3. Khan Academy – videos of all math topics and so much more
 - ❖ www.khanacademy.org
4. Xtramath – helps master basic facts
 - ❖ xtramath.org
5. Free Rice – answer questions to earn rice to help world hunger
 - ❖ freerice.com

How Will You Be Evaluated?

HOMWORK

- Daily homework is worth 5 points (20% of quarter grade).
- Students will earn 5 points if **all work** is shown and **all problems** are attempted.
- Homework is graded based on **completeness** not accuracy.
- Homework is due the following day it is assigned. We **grade homework EVERY DAY** and student's questions will be answered.
- Students are expected to make corrections on homework as we review the answers.



Coupons

- Five **coupons** will be handed out at the beginning of each quarter. With one of these coupons attached, homework may be turned in **ONE DAY LATE** without a penalty. Homework **CANNOT** be turned in more than one day late.
- Each unused coupon will be worth **FIVE** extra credit points toward homework if turned in at the end of the quarter. Coupons may also be used for **tardiness** or use of the **restroom**.
- Assignments turned in after the due date **will not earn points**.

Assessment



- We have tests/quizzes nearly every other week (70% of quarter grade).

GRADING SCALE

100	A+	82 – 80	B-
99 – 95	A	79 – 77	C+ 66 – 63
94 – 90	A-	76 – 73	C 62 – 60
89 – 87	B+	72 – 70	C- 59 – 0
86 – 83	B	69 – 67	D+

- Grades are updated every couple of days, so it is best to **check online for current grades** or missing assignments. A **BLANK** indicates the assignment was **NEVER** turned in.

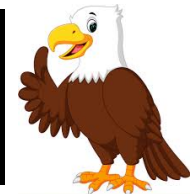
SAY WHAT?

- Math binders **CAN** be taken **home** at any time, but most students keep these in the classroom. A grade is given for the content of the binder a few times during the quarter (10% of quarter grade).

My goal, my mission as a teacher, is to treat all students equally and fairly. I want all of my students to be able to think for themselves, work on becoming good problem solvers and trust they can accomplish whatever they set out to do. I will motivate all of my students to believe in themselves and learn beyond the classroom. With this, I will maintain high expectations on keeping organized, maintaining discipline, and respecting others in the classroom.



I AM AVAILABLE BEFORE SCHOOL OR DURING OUR VIRTUAL TIME.



CONTACT INFORMATION

My planning time is from 12:30-1:30pm. You can contact me at school at 734-848-9366 or email me at rector@eriemason.k12.mi.us. My Google Voice number is 734-224-2259.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kim Rector

CALL ME

