

Mrs. Wells  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math / 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra  
2008-2009

Welcome to Smith Junior High! I am very excited to be your child's math teacher this year. This math class will include a review of past learning and an introduction of new concepts and topics appropriate to, and essential for, future math challenges.

### Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to follow the expectations listed below.

- Come to class with an open mind, eager to learn – have a positive attitude
- Respect yourself, your peers, and your teacher
- Do not interfere with anyone's right to learn
- Come to class prepared with supplies, homework, and planner each day
- Come into class on time and be seated and ready to begin at the bell
- Come in for individual help if needed
- If absent, it is your responsibility to obtain and complete all assignments

Possible consequences if expectations are not met.

- Individual conference with student
- Phone call home or conference with parent/guardian
- Before or after school detention
- Removal from class
- Student Respect Form (school wide disciplinary plan)

### Grading

Grades are determined by total points accumulated. This course uses the Mesa approved grading scale of 90-100% is an A, 80-89% is a B, 70-79% is a C, 60-69% is a D and 0-59% is an F. Grades will be broken down as follows:

- Tests/Quizzes 70%
- Assignments 20%
- Warm-ups/Class Activities 5%
- Class Participation 5%

Planners are used daily in math class. Students are expected to complete their planner at the start of each class. Planners are also completed every Friday with the student's current grade. In addition, if a parent's email address is provided I will email the students progress report every Friday. If your grade falls below 65% you will go on the FANG (F's are not good) program and will be required to spend additional time before or after school until you get your grade above 70%.

## Tests and Quizzes

Tests are given at the end of each unit. Students will receive at least three days notice prior to a test. Tests cannot be retaken for a higher grade.

Quizzes are given occasionally throughout a unit as a means for your child to identify their level of understanding before the unit test. Students may retake a quiz if they earned a C or lower and have made corrections on the teacher supplied form. All retakes must be made up within 2 school days of the original quiz.

## Assignments

There will be an assignment every day with the exception of test days. Students will be given time in class to work on each day's assignments, and are expected to finish assignments in class. Late work will not be accepted. All assignments must be completed neatly in pencil and have all steps shown. No work, not credit! In addition, every student will receive two restroom passes at the beginning of each quarter. If they are not used, these passes can be turned in for 5 extra credit points each.

## Make-Up Procedure

It is the student's responsibility to obtain and complete all assignments when absent from class. A student has 2 school days for each day missed to complete and turn in absent work. After this time, absent work becomes late work and will not be accepted. This includes test and quizzes.

## Materials Needed

Students need to come to class daily with their supplies. Many of the supplies listed are available in our school bookstore. The following supplies are recommended for this class:

- One inch three-ring binder
- Pencils and Erasers
- Plastic Pouch
- Pen/Highlighter (for grading)
- 5 tab dividers
- Loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebook (for notes)

## Teacher Contact

Please feel free to contact me at anytime. I can be reached by phone at 480.472.9935 or email at [amwells@mpsaz.org](mailto:amwells@mpsaz.org).

# Parent and Student Acknowledgement

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

## Contact Information

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (printed)

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (printed)

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Home Phone

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Cell Phone

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Work Phone

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\*\*\*Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email 1

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) email 2\*\*\*

\*\*\*email addresses are used to send your child's progress report each Friday. This is a great tool for parents to keep informed of their child's progress and current grade.