

Welcome back! I am excited about the new school year and hope you are, too! Let's get off to a great start with some key information for SUCCESS!

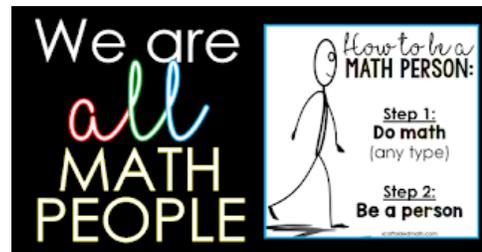
*What are Mrs. Kuper's class rules?*

- 1) **Follow the rules.**
- 2) **Come to class prepared: assignment book, pencil, textbook, paper, folder, & calculator**
- 3) **Keep your hands and feet to yourself.**
- 4) **Don't bother others.**
- 5) **Treat others with RESPECT!**

Not following the rules results in a detention. "RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS" is a great motto to live by! It is important to be organized by bringing all materials to class and filling out assignment books in each class. The teachers do not "check" to see if this is complete. It is your responsibility!

*What are we going to do every day?*

- 1) **Homework check & questions**
- 2) **New lesson/activity**
- 3) **Review & practice**
- 4) **Homework assignment/Work time**



WHAT'S YOUR GROWTH MINDSET? Growth Mindset is your belief that all knowledge can be gained through dedication and hard work – brains & talent are only a starting point! We will be discussing what *you* need to do to gain and use the information presented. *Everyone* can learn and *everyone* can "do math." MATH IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT! Class participation and discussion, asking questions, and thinking critically is vital to success in math! We will work from the book as well as with other resources. Part of each class will be review of the previous night's homework and then a new lesson or activity.

Lots of "Math Talk" will be happening. It is important that you listen to your peers, as well as me; they may have information that will help you understand! Students will often be encouraged to work in small groups or with a partner. Being able to explain your thinking is proof of understanding, so let the "Math Talk" begin!

*There will be homework almost every night!* It will be completed either in the textbook or on looseleaf and will be completed neatly in pencil showing all work. Students will lose credit for not showing their work, forgetting labels, etc. Problems will be marked wrong for things that change the value of the answer like forgetting to include a decimal point, placing a decimal point in the wrong place, etc. Homework is twofold: it includes review and correction of previous assignments (even those not taken for a grade) and practice of any new skills. Time for daily review of homework is limited. Students must take the initiative to understand mistakes and ask any questions as needed to ensure understanding of material.



*How do you figure out your grade?*

**1) Assessments (60%):**

Assessments will be given at least twice each chapter. Summative tests will be given after each unit of study. Assessments may also include small group/partner activities or individual review work.

**2) Daily Work (40%):**

Daily work includes group activities, any graded assignments, and homework completion. Not all homework will be given a “grade”, but it must be completed for class discussion the next day. Incomplete/missing assignments will be documented in a student’s online discipline file.

**3) Extra Credit:**

Students can receive extra credit by completing online review activities for the current chapter. Extra credit must be turned in before test day for that chapter. It may be submitted in hardcopy, email, or saved as a photo on an electronic device and shown to me at an appropriate time. Explanation of the online extra credit and individual student logins for the math series will be given in class. However, the website to access the math series is <http://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/login.do>. Please bookmark this site to your favorites. It can also be accessed through my website on the school webpage.

*Can I redo incorrect work?*

**ABSOLUTELY!** Math is one subject where it is difficult to move forward & learn new material if you did poorly on previous work. Therefore, all students have the opportunity to improve their skills on any grade that is below a C, as long as adequate effort was put into the assignment. **On daily work, students must redo all incorrect questions with full work/explanation in order to prove understanding of the material and turn it in to me with a parent signature within one week of receiving the assignment. On assessments, students must do the same as on daily work and retake a different assessment after I have reviewed the corrections.** Reasonable adjustments will be made in the grade because of the extra effort. Students are encouraged to ask questions when extra help is needed. Study hall is a good time to ask questions and get extra help. If that is not possible, we can set up a time to meet, review material, and answer questions you may have.

*Want to know more?*

Information about me and our classes can be found at my web page (<http://www.avistonk-8.org/Teachers/Kuper/Kuper.html>). Student progress can be checked online through [Chalkable \(InfoNow\)](#). Please contact the office if you are having difficulties or need to sign up. Also, general reminders will be sent through *REMIND* texts/emails by all teachers. Please see the “Parent’s Guide to Surviving Middle School” for sign-up details.



I’m looking forward to a great year! Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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**Please review this note with your parents, have them sign it, and show me tomorrow. It will get you extra credit points for the first quarter!**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_