Algebra A Syllabus 2018-2019

Required Materials

* 1’-2” 3-ring binder
* Pencils, Calculator (provided if needed)
* Chromebooks
* Notebook

Grades

1. **Homework- 20%:** Homework will be given regularly and each assignment is worth 4 points. The homework will be completed in your notebook and graded the following day. You are expected to show your work! This means you make your thoughts visible even if you are unsure of how to solve the problem completely. Homework will be expected to be completed before the class period starts. There will be a few minutes allotted for questions prior to grading the assignment. We will be grading our assignments at the beginning of class and grade will be recorded right away. I encourage you to save you assignments to use as study material. I cannot read your minds yet so I do not know how you do the math in your head ☺ Start each problem by writing down the original problem, then solve as directed.
2. **Quizzes- 20%:** Quizzes will be given throughout the unit, there will be no retakes of quizzes.
3. **ALEKS- 10%:** You will be required to spend one hour per week on ALEKS. You will get 1 point per 6 minutes spent on ALEKS totaling 10 points per week. I will know exactly how you spend your time so don’t try to pull any fast ones :) I can see exactly how long you spend on each question and that you are using your time wisely...
4. **Assessments- 50%:** There will be one end of unit test every unit. You are expected to show your work; this means making your thoughts visible, even when you are not sure. You will be allowed to make corrections (individually) on these assessments outside of class time. You will be allowed to use your binder as a resource, but you will only regain half points back per problem completed successfully up to an 80%. You must get corrections done within one week of receiving your grade.

Extra credit may be given periodically throughout each quarter. I do not give extra credit upon request, so if I give extra credit, take advantage of it.

Attendance

School policy will be enforced with absences and tardiness. To be on time you will be in your desks when the bell rings, prepared to begin class.

Cell Phones

School policy will be enforced with cell phones. There is no reason for you to have your cell phone with you in this classroom. If you are on your phone in this class you will be leaving your phone with the office for the remainder of the day and if it becomes a habit (3 verbal warnings), you will leave it in your locker, or will meet with myself, your parent(s), and Mrs. Lybert about other options to prevent the temptation of your cell phone.

General Rules

* Be Prepared! Bring the required materials with you to class. Be ready to learn. Get bathroom trips, drinks, locker trips, etc. done prior to the start of class.
* Be Respectful! To yourself, to others, and to other people's things.
* Be Responsible! Do what’s right and take ownership of yourself and your actions.

Discipline Plan:

**This is individualized!**

Availability

I will be available during the following times. If you need help outside of class, or if you need to make up any quizzes, you will need to take the initiative to come in during one or more of these times.

* Before school starting at 7:30am – 8:00am
* After school 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Fridays upon appointment)
* Prep (4th hour) Talk to me ahead of time to make sure that is ok :)
* Study hall (1st hour)

Miscellaneous

* Remain seated until the bell rings
* Schedule will be posted in classroom
* Class website is <http://msmathlady.weebly.com>

**Classroom Policy:** As you are all approaching adulthood, I have high expectations regarding your behavior in my class. You do not get up and move around the room casually without a purpose. You may sharpen you pencil or sign out to use the restroom, however, I will not allow my room to be a zoo. The time you spend in my classroom is designed for learning. I believe that each of you can learn to a mastery level and I am here to help you do it. I have an open door policy regarding questions about math or life itself. The most important thing that I want you all to remember is that learning math is not a race or a sprint; we all learn at our own pace, and this marathon is completed by pacing yourself, not others. I am always here if you need help.

*“Her feathers didn’t seem to know the value of teamwork.”* -George Ade