

Parent Math Tips

Mathematics is a skill that needs to be developed. It is similar to playing a sport or an instrument. In order to improve, one needs to have sufficient practice. Assignments will be given daily to provide the opportunity to build mathematical thought processes and skills. My expectation is for ALL of my students to be able to complete the assignments. Homework is a learning process with trial and error. For this reason, assignments should always be done in pencil, showing all of the work in a neat and organized way. The following is a list of things that, as a parent of an 8th grade student, you can do to assist your child in assignment completion and in being successful in math this school year.

1. Help set up a consistent, organized location for virtual learning or homework to be done.
2. Help set up a consistent schedule for completing work.
3. Motivate and prompt your child to complete his/her homework. The purpose of homework is for your child to practice a skill that has been learned. Please do not give him/her answers to problems. If your child is consistently struggling to complete assignments independently, please contact me!
4. Encourage your child to take responsibility for his/her learning. This would include using the school issued agenda to fill in daily assignments, bringing math materials home each day, using class notes or other resources to help him/her complete the work, and asking me for help on homework problems s/he had trouble with.
5. If you are aware that you child cannot quickly recite the multiplication facts to 12, please have them practice this essential skill until they are able to do so. Mastering this will dictate the amount of time needed to complete assignments. If a student is struggling with basic mathematics, it will complicate them being able to move through the more abstract material. There are many online activities available (check out my website Online Game tab) or flashcards can be used.