

into the Clack Classroom of Mrs. Van Houten



What does my child learn in 6th grade math?

- Fractions (finding GCF, LCM, addition & subtraction of, mixed numbers)
- Ratios, proportions
- Graphing (ordered pairs), different types of graphs
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Algebraic equations
- Decimals, percents

Approximately 70% of the sixth grade math curriculum is new and untested to the mastery level by the state assessment, the TAKS, previously TAAS.

Grading

Since I have a large number of students and we do assignments almost every day, it is difficult for me to grade every assignment. Students often grade their own homework assignments because I feel that this is a learning experience. Students learn from their mistakes.

Quick Quizzes—I usually give 3 or 4 of these a week; they are composed of 5 questions—usually from the previous day's homework.

I grade these and this allows me to see, at a glance, if students did not understand a concept, and I can reteach if necessary.

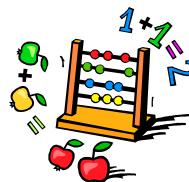
Homework—sometimes graded "on completion"; students are expected to copy problems, show all work and complete assignment in pencil to receive full credit.

Tests—will be given at the end of each chapter; if a student fails a chapter test, they have the option to retake the test. However, students must satisfactorily complete a study sheet and make arrangements to take the retest either before or after school.

Notebooks & folders—will be graded at the end of each six weeks; these may be brought home anytime; I ask, however, that they be brought back the following day

Checkpoint quizzes—short quizzes that are given once or twice during the chapter

Projects—special projects taking a few day's time will be assigned from time to time



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School Supplies

- #2 pencils w/ erasers (mechanical pencils are fine...just make sure to have extra lead)
- Pens
- Glue sticks
- Map pencils
- Loose leaf filler paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Zippered pencil pouch
- 3-ring zippered pouch
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- Protractor
- *Folder w/ pockets and brads*
- *Composition book*



School Rules

1. Follow directions.
2. Respond politely to a request.
3. Bring your own pencil, pen, books, and paper to class each day. **DO NOT BORROW.**
4. No cursing, bullying, name calling, putdowns, or harassment.
5. No sagging, headgear, gum, food, or drinks.

How Can I Help My Child?

- Go over homework (especially missed problems)
- Make sure all assignments are being recorded in assignment book provided by the school
- Help them study/review for tests
- Additional problems are at the back of the book; students can bring home textbooks or composition book as a resource guide even if the assignment is not from the book
- Math tutoring is offered every morning from 7:30 - 8:00.
- I am also available from 3:30 to 4:00 each day if students are having difficulty.

