

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give Fido only two of them. ~Phil Pastoret



Dear Parents, my name is Kendra O’Dea and I am your child’s math teacher. I teach 6th grade Life Science, 7th Grade Earth Science, 8th grade Physical Science and Math 6-7.

I am looking forward to teaching mathematics to your children. For the first week of school I will be assessing your child’s math skills. These assessments will give me some idea of each child’s math ability.

An open line of communication between parent and teacher is important to your child’s success in mathematics. Your child will be having homework in mathematics nearly every day with the exception of Fridays. To keep you updated on assignments and math scores, I will be posting grades online. Also, please check my ***Peek at the Week for Math 6-7***. My ***Peek at the Week*** has our daily assignments and important dates posted so that you and your child can work together on getting things accomplished.

This school year I want to help your child develop their math skills through the attainment of several academic learning requirements as established by the Washington State Commission on student learning for middle grade mathematics.

The academic learning requirements for math are as follows:

- Multiplication and division of fractions and decimals
- Mathematical expressions and equations
- Ratios, rates and percent
- Two and three dimensional figures
- Reasoning, problem solving and communication
- Rational numbers and linear equations
- Proportionality and similarity
- Surface area and volume and
- Probability and data

Mathematics is one of humanity's greatest achievements. The field of mathematics continues to grow at a rapid rate, spreading into new fields and creating new technologies and jobs. Students today require an education in mathematics that goes far beyond what was needed in the past to maximize their opportunities. (*Office of Public Instruction*)

I will work hard to give your child an opportunity to become mathematically literate. In order to ensure that each of my students has the learning opportunity they deserve, all students are expected to follow the Saint Mary's Catholic School Discipline Policy.

I invite you to contact me if you have a question or concern. You are always welcome to visit in my classroom! The best way to reach me is by e-mail.

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Best Regards,

~Kendra O'Dea

