Welcome to a new school year! Although this year is beginning differently than in the past, we will work together to make this a positive learning experience for us all. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and working with them and you. I am very excited about our journey this year following the Common Core Curriculum through an online and in person platform. I am anticipating this year will be a big transition for your child in math. The lessons will be challenging as they learn the new rigorous math standards using the Agile Mind program. The standards for mathematical content are a balanced combination of procedure and understanding. With hard work and perseverance, I know it will be a successful year.

Curriculum: operations of whole and rational numbers, rates and ratios, proportional reasoning, conversions, variables and expressions, integers, the coordinate plane, equations, inequalities, length, area, surface area, volume, graphical representations of data and describing data. We will also complete about half of the seventh grade curriculum in the spring. The seventh grade topics will overlap some of the topics already covered but will extend them to further.

Expectations: My expectation is that all students will come to class on time, ready to learn with the required materials. Students will be respectful of their peers, their teacher, and the online platform. Students are expected to log on to Schoology everyday during their assigned class time. If necessary, students may be invited to meet in small groups with me during my office hours of 9-11:15 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

At CMS we have a PBIS system, retrievers B-A-R-K which means: Be prepared - Act responsibly - Respect others - Keep safety in mind. This system will still be enforced through the online platform even though the expectations may look slightly different online.

Materials: Notebook or notebook paper, folder and pencils. Other materials will be added once in person classes are held.

Grading Policy: The county follows a strict grading policy which is detailed below. I ask all parents to log into Powerschool to check their child’s grades regularly and check the Schoology daily for upcoming assignments.

- Progress Assessments (50% of grade) - These are assignments given to students progressing towards mastery which can include, but are not limited to classwork, homework, progress checks, and quizzes.

- Mastery Assessments (50% of grade) - Assignments allowing students to demonstrate mastery of the skills being assessed. This can include, but not limited to projects, unit tests, chapter tests, midterms and final exams.

- Extra Credit - There is no extra credit. Grades are based on proficiency, not extra effort.

- Students will have the opportunity to revise/retake a progress assessment one time to demonstrate mastery of the content and earn up to full credit.

- If a student does not turn in an assignment, “NTI” will be assigned (NTI = not turned in). The NTI will be a grade of 40%.

- Homework should be expected most nights.

*Please note: Due to virtual learning, grading policies may change according to Board work sessions*
**Contact Information:** Lines of communication between teachers, parents, and students are crucial for a successful school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Email is the preferred method of communication.

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