

Specific Information for Parents of Students in Mrs. Rivero's Math Classes

This document summarizes my classroom rules & expectations and includes the aspects that are relevant to parents as you are trying to help your children. This is not a comprehensive list of classroom information; that can be found in the "Information Sheet" that was given to your child.

1. Your child will have homework nearly every night, including weekends. I will do my best to assign odd problems so he/she can check answers in the back of the book, but sometimes I will also assign even problems. You should expect to see your child working on math anywhere from 30-60 minutes each night, with most nights being closer to 30 minutes.
2. Class notes are posted daily on my website: <http://rivero.weebly.com>. These notes will include exactly what we learned in class with worked out examples. The homework assignment will also be written inside the notes. I post worked out examples with voice explanations on my ShowMe webpage: www.showme.com/trivero.
3. I will update Progress Book at least once per week with grades, homework assignments, and other important information. Please check this frequently. At the time I am writing this document, you can find homework and other messages in the "Classroom Information" tab on Progress Book. Once you get into Progress Book, if there is nothing posted in the Classroom Information tab, please check the other tabs, as sometimes PB gets updated and things get moved around. Let me know if you are not able to find information in Progress Book.
4. Your child's overall grade in my course will be determined by 80% Tests & Quizzes (summative) and 20% Homework, open-note quizzes, binder grades, participation (formative).
5. I do not grade homework for **correctness**. Homework is graded on **completion** only; it is your child's responsibility to check odd answers on his/her own and to check other answers in class. We go over homework every day, so please encourage your child to ask questions in class! "Complete" homework includes *work* and *answers*.
6. If your child needs help, please encourage him/her to email me, to check our class webpage, to come see me in the mornings (I'm available every morning), to seek help during Mentor (either from me or a peer tutor), and/or to schedule a time to receive help after school.
7. Late work is accepted up to one week past the due date for 50% reduction in credit.
8. Your child may retake one test per quarter. More details are located in the "information sheet."
9. Homework is due the day after it is assigned; for example, if it is assigned Tuesday, it is due on Wednesday.
10. Your child needs a graphing calculator for this class. I recommend something from the Texas Instruments family (TI-83 or 84). If you need help finding one or purchasing one, please let me know.
11. There will be a summative grade (test or quiz) approximately once per week.
12. The best way to reach me is via email: tess.rivero@bss.k12.oh.us. If you haven't heard from me after 24 hours, please resend the email or call the main office. I do my best to reply within 24 hours, but sometimes it is difficult and sometimes emails get lost!
13. The textbook for Applied Algebra II and Algebra II is entirely online:
http://www.glencoe.com/sec/math/ose/ose_locator.php?username=ALG205&password=tHu9eChA
14. Please encourage your child to ask questions! I respond to emails after school hours, and if the concept is difficult to explain via email, I will make a ShowMe video and send it. Don't hesitate to ask!

Please keep this document for your reference.

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