

Welcome to  
**Pre-Algebra**

with Mrs. Galloway

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MAIN CONCEPTS

- Integer relationships (working with +, -, /, and X with positive and negative numbers)
- Equations, equations, equations
- Inequalities and number lines
- Problem-solving
- Written mathematical explanations
- Group and individual presentations

THAT'S LIFE FINANCE UNIT

That's Life is a finance unit that entails real life activities in a classroom setting. Students will learn to use a checkbook, rent/purchase a home, purchase a car, get paid a salary, and pay bills. More information will be sent home in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. That's Life will begin 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and end in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

CLASSROOM ROUTINES

Daily homework is usually due the day after it is assigned. Students will normally have 10-15 minutes during class to begin homework, ask questions, and get some answers checked over before the end of the hour. Students can also get extra help before school, after school, or during HELP period with Mrs. Galloway.

You have the opportunity to improve your grade on most assignments if you are unhappy with the score you received. You should attach corrections to the original assignment or make corrections in a different color within 1 week. You can earn up to full credit on all corrected assignments.

Students are required to take notes in class several times per week. Notebooks will be collected throughout the year and scored on organization and completeness.

Students will have scheduled weekly quizzes, usually on Fridays. Students will have two half-tests per chapter. Students can retake any quiz or test and score up to 100%. The two scores will then be averaged together for the new grade. Quizzes and tests can be retaken within 1 week of the original quiz/test date. You must schedule an appointment with Mrs. Galloway to discuss the quiz/test and then retake a modified quiz/test.

GRADING

60% Tests and Quizzes

30% Homework

10% Project

\*These percents may change throughout the year\*

## LATE WORK

All homework must be turned in on time to receive maximum credit. A "Late Slip" must be completed in order for late work to be graded.

Short Term Assignments:

- ✓ Work turned in late will have 50% deducted from the grade earned.
- ✓ Work turned in after one week will receive 10% of the grade earned.

Work may be turned in until the end of the chapter.

## ABSENT WORK

It is important to be at school. If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to ask Mrs. Galloway, check Mrs. Galloway's web page, or ask another student what you have missed, get notes from peers, and make up work after school; NOT during class time. When turning in assignments that you have missed because of an absence, fill out a "Late Slip" and write ABSENT as the reason the assignment was late. You have 2 days to turn in missing work for full credit for every 1 day you are absent (up to one week) unless special arrangements have been made.

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ Students are expected to be prepared for class and to bring all necessary supplies each day. You will not be allowed back to your locker.
- ✓ Students are expected to be on time to class and seated, ready to listen.
- ✓ Students are expected to review a little each night in order to be prepared for tests and quizzes.
- ✓ Students are expected to participate. Without class participation, class would be boring! Please be respectful to classmates and the teacher at all times during discussions and class. Treat others how you would want to be treated.
- ✓ Students are expected to listen, not to talk, when the teacher is talking.
- ✓ Students are expected to ask for help when it is needed! It is your job to communicate with the teacher when you need help!
- ✓ Students are expected to use ALL class time wisely! Work time is a privilege given to you so that you can start your work and ask for help right away when needed. Work time is NOT a time to socialize or work on home work from other classes!
- ✓ Students are expected to work honestly. Cheating of any kind, including plagiarism, is not tolerated and will result in a zero for a grade.
- ✓ If you are caught writing a note to a friend during class time, the note will be taken away from you and sent home.
- ✓ If your behavior is getting in the way of your learning or the learning of others, I will use reminders, redirects, refocus time, detentions, phone calls home, student meetings, and parent meetings to help get you back on track.

## Thank You!

I am looking forward to a great year with you! Mrs. Galloway