

Middle School Math!

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 - **Phones:** Not allowed during class. Can remain out of sight (in pocket), but if the phone is out, I will ask the student to put it away. If it comes out again, I will ask the student to place it on my desk for pick-up at the end of class.
 - **Food:** Allowed at the start of 3rd period only.
 - **Chromebooks:** Not often used for our math class. This is a good time to charge them for other classes.

- **Classroom Flow:** Most days our class will begin with a short community building activity and/or a math warm-up. After that, we will get into a 20-25 minute lesson. Followed by 15-20 minutes of work time. Most times, students will be able to complete their assignment in class (or close to it). Small groups will be called to the back for additional support. Once finished with an assignment, students may help others, work on iReady lessons, or work on an assignment for another class.

- **Homework:** At the beginning of each unit, students will get a packet of worksheets, one for each lesson.
 - It is the student's responsibility to keep track of this packet for the duration of the unit. They can leave it in class or keep it themselves.
 - I will check in homework most days. I am checking for completion and work shown (if needed).
 - Homework can be turned in for full credit up until the test for that unit. After that, it is worth 50% of the original grade.

- **Grades:** Will be based 70% assessments and 30% on homework. Students will have the opportunity to re-take each assessment once if desired.

- **Spiral Notebook:** Your student's math spiral notebook will need to be brought to class each day. This is where they will take notes. Notes can be used on tests.

- **Online login:** Use the following information to access videos and helpful tips about EACH lesson. This is an amazing resource if you're struggling with homework!
 - *Site:* corefocusonmath.com
 - *User:* *lincoln*
 - *Passwork:* *lincoln2013*

- **Contact Information**
 - Phone: 541-875-2942
 - Email: michael.ulstad@lincoln.k12.or.us

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Student Name (printed) : _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature : _____

Welcome to Algebra 1!

My name is Mike Ulstad and I will be your child's math teacher this upcoming year! I am looking forward to a fun year, and can't wait to teach all these great students. As this is their first year of high school math, it will be important to get off to a good start and build academic habits.

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- **Homework:**
 - Each day there will be an example sheet passed out and an assignment. Most of these assignments will be fairly short and to the point.
 - As soon as they are finished with the assignment for that day, they can turn it in to the basket. Complete work and work shown will be given full credit.
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- **Spiral Notebook:** Your student's spiral notebook **MUST** be brought to class each day. This is where they will take notes which can be used for guidance on tests.
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