

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.

- **Basic Rules:** The main things I ask for in my classroom are a positive attitude and desire to work hard. Outside of that...
 - **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 for it to be placed on my desk for pick up at the end of class.
 - **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).

- **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.
 - 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 spiral notebook **MUST** be brought to class each day. This is where they will take notes which can be used for guidance on tests.

- **Contact Information: Please contact me with any questions!**
 - Phone: 541-875-2942
 - Email: michael.ulstad@lincoln.k12.or.us

Please sign and return this portion (or the entire page) after reading:

Student Name (printed) : _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature : _____