



Dear Students & Parents,

I would like to welcome your son/daughter to 5th grade mathematics and a new school year at The Bridges Academy. I am looking forward to a successful year for all of my students.

This year we will be focused on expanding on prior knowledge of the four fundamental operations by incorporating larger divisors, decimals and fractions. We will have a large focus on place value and application of knowledge into real world problems.

Through your child's hard work and commitment, they can and will be successful in math class. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. You may reach me by calling the main office or sending me an email at susan.clark-lewis@bridgesli.org

Grading Policy Per Trimester:

The middle school is using a "points based grading system". Instead of a set percentage of grades being pre-determined for each marking period, the weight of the grades will be calculated based on the points earned in a marking period out of the total possible points earned in a marking period out of the total possible points that were assigned. The system rewards effort and keeps any one part of the grading from out-weighting the rest in a given marking period.

Homework:

Homework is assigned at least four nights a week. If your child struggles with the homework, please put it aside and pop me a note. I highly recommend your child attend extra help if he or she is struggling with homework.

Preparedness:

Being prepared for class is essential to being successful. ***Students are required to have a pencil every day!*** In addition they should have their class binder, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, a ruler, and any completed assignments.

Absences:

It is the student's responsibility to find out what they missed in case of an absence. If an absence occurs on the day of an assessment he/she can see me to schedule a make-up.

Extra Help:

Extra help will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:00 am.