**Mrs. Karen DiLeonardo Open House Information**

**7th Grade Math 2017-2018**

**Wobbegong Team Seaman Middle School**

Welcome to our classroom! Thank you for coming tonight and showing an interest in your child’s education. It is my privilege to work with your child, and I look forward to getting to know him or her as we work together this year. I sincerely believe that all students can do and learn mathematics, and it is my goal this year to not only help your child learn, but also enjoy math. I hope the information below will help you to better understand the organization and policies of our classroom.

**Contact Information:** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone (286-8400) during the day from 8:45-9:30. Also, feel free to email me at [kdileonardo@usd345.com](mailto:kdileonardo@usd345.com), or message me on Schoology. Together, we can help your child have a successful year.

**Supplies Needed:**  1-inch binder with loose-leaf paper and dividers (for math only)

Pencils, pens, erasers, and highlighters in a pencil pouch

Single subject spiral notebook

2-3 dry erase markers

Calculator (in pencil pouch)

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Bring all materials to class each day.
* Be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings.
* Treat everyone and everything in the classroom with kindness and respect.
* Wait until you’re dismissed to pack up and leave the classroom.
* Participate actively in class. Ask questions and listen to others.
* Do your best at all times!

**Homework/Class Participation:** Daily classwork and any homework will be posted in Schoology daily. Homework (ACE problems) will be given an average of 1-3 times per week. Any homework is graded on completion. Every problem must be completed fully by the beginning of class and then corrected (if needed) as we go over it in order to receive full credit. Participation in class will be worth 2 points daily. Students can lose points for lack of participation and/or failure to follow classroom expectations.

**Tardy Policy**: A student is considered tardy if they are not seated in their assigned desk when the bell rings. Students will be counted tardy after lunch if they do not return to the classroom with their class. A tardy will also be given if a student comes to class without the required daily materials.

**Absence Policy**: Attendance is a vital component of academic success. If students miss class for any reason, it is their responsibility to check with the teacher or their teammates and find out what was done in their absence. Checking the Schoology calendar is a good first step in determining what was missed. If students are going to be gone because of a pre-arranged activity, vacation, etc., they should see me before they leave and get the assignments for the time they will be absent. Participation points will be lost if students do not make-up what they missed.

**Textbook/Online Textbook:** We will be using Pearson’s Connected Mathematics 3 (CMP3). Students will use a new book for every unit that should remain in the classroom at all times. When the book is needed outside of class, there are links to all the online textbooks in your child’s math course in Schoology, or your child may check out a paper copy of the book.

**Extra Help:** I am available every day during seminar to help students with math. Students can also stop in before 1st hour for quick questions. Our team will have ASAP twice a week where students can come work and receive assistance as needed. My goal is to help each and every student feel confident and successful in math!

**Viking Dollars:** Students can earn school money by showing respect, putting forth their best effort, and demonstrating responsible behavior. Any adult in the building can give a student Viking Dollars. This money can be used to purchase items at a school store during lunchtime and participate in special school drawings and activities.

**Assessments/Quizzes:** Students will take an assessment at the end of each unit, and several quizzes (Check-ups and Partner Quizzes) throughout each unit. Retakes will be available for most unit assessments. However, students must make arrangements to meet with the teacher prior to the retake for help. Although the retake can help improve a student’s score, the ultimate goal of the retake is to give students an opportunity to learn and understand the information.

**Helping Your Child to Be Successful in Math**

* When your student has a question, try not to tell him/her the answer or how to solve the problem. Instead, ask questions that might help to think about it in a different way. Do not let your child get too frustrated. If that happens, stop and have your child send me an email ([kdileonardo@usd345.com](mailto:kdileonardo@usd345.com)) or message me on Schoology asking for assistance.
* Encourage your student to draw diagrams and or models to help explain or understand a problem.
* Ask your student to explain concepts and relationships. Be concerned with the thought process/reasoning as much as the answer.
* Encourage your child to participate in class by trying the mathematical tasks, asking questions, listening to others, and taking notes.

*I look forward to our working together to ensure that your child has a positive 7th grade learning experience! It’s going to be a great year!*