

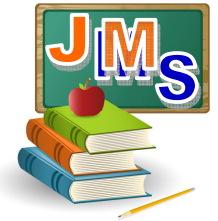
James Martin Middle School

6th Grade Mathematics

with Ms. McMillan

Letter from the Teacher

We have started a new Unit on the Common Core standards investigating Equations, Integers and the Coordinate Plane. All lessons and homework assignments for this unit will come from the workbooks distributed to the students in class. Please encourage students to be responsible with their workbooks.



All math textbooks were supposed to be turned in to me last week for an inventory count. If you find a red math textbook at home, please send it in.

The Unit Project for Bits and Pieces III along with the grading rubric was given to all students on last Friday. It is due on Friday, March 2nd. If student lose the original papers, they may print another copy from the copy posted on my wiki website under assessments.

Please continue to visit my wiki for announcements and weekly homework posts. Copies of every quiz that we take in class are also posted on my wiki website as Practice Tests under the assessments link.

Wiki website address: <http://gails.mcmillan.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/>

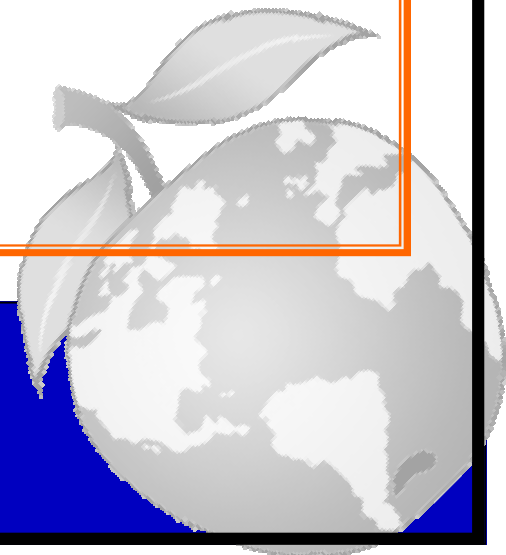
Thank you for being involved in your child's educational process. I am convinced that with the both of us working together we can provide the support that is needed for your child to be a huge success!

Email: gails.mcmillan@cms.k12.nc.us

Phone Number: 980-343-5382 (school)

A brief outline of what we will be learning over the next few weeks.

- ◆ **Common Core Investigations: Equations**
- ◆ **Common Core Investigations: Integers & Coordinate Plane**
- ◆ **Covering and Surrounding: Area & Perimeter**
- ◆ **Transformations: Moving shapes on the Coordinate Plane**
- ◆ **Probability: How likely is it?**



We still need...

- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Dry Erase Markers
- Copy Paper
- Graph Paper
- Erasers
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Spiral Notebooks

A/B/NY

Grading Policy Reminder

Throughout the year we will be assessing the level to which our students have mastered the curriculum. Because the goal of our class is for each student to achieve mastery, **common assessments** will earn one of the following grades: A (100% or 95%), B (85%) or "Not Yet" (0%).

A grade of "Not Yet" indicates that a student has **not yet** mastered the material and he or she will be **required** to re-take the assessment.

Students who scored an 84% or lower receive a "Not Yet" and will have 2 chances to retake the quiz. A "Not Yet" is entered as a zero in the grade book until the student retakes the quiz and scores an A or a B. If the student does not score an A or a B by the 3rd re-take, they are given a 50% in the grade book. *This is a CMS policy.*

Grading Scale: (standard CMS scale)

A 100-93	B 92-85
D 76-70	C 84-77
F 69-below	

Assessment procedures and practices

The purpose of collecting grades is to assess students' mastery of content and skills, and to assess effectiveness of teaching.



Grade Percentage Breakdown:

- **Homework = 10%** of quarter grade
- **Class Participation = 10%** of quarter grade
- **Classwork/Informal Assessments = 35%** of quarter grade (Ex. warm ups, notebook checks, etc.)
- **Formal Assessments = 45%** of quarter grade (Ex. quizzes, projects, group projects, etc.)

Cheating: If a student is caught cheating he/she will receive a "0" for the assignment and will not be given the opportunity to re-take.

Late work:

- Homework will only be accepted 1 day late.

Consequences for disruptive behavior

- 1st strike – Verbal Warning
- 2nd strike – Parent Call & After School Detention
- 3rd strike – Administrative Referral

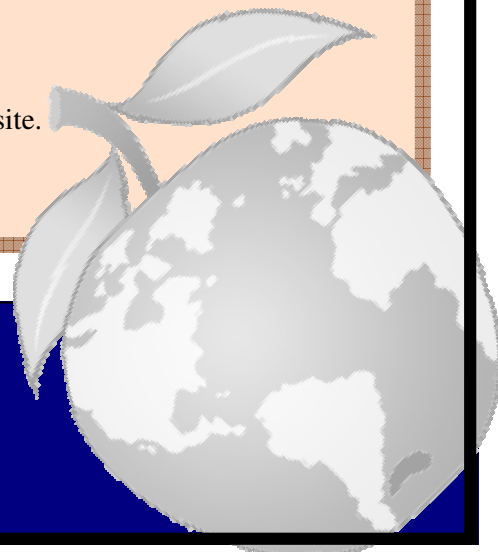
**Subsequent disciplinary actions include:*

- In-school suspension (ISS)
- Out-of-school suspension (OSS)

It is the student's responsibility to make up any missed work.

Here are some things that your child can do to improve their grade in Math class.

- ◆ Retake any assessment (test) that you have not mastered yet.
When? After school on Tuesdays and/or Thursday. During Cougar Time on Friday mornings.
- ◆ Use the practice tests that are posted on my wiki website to practice for the tests.
<http://gailismcmillan.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/Assessments>
- ◆ Stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for tutoring.
4:30 -5:30 (*Tutoring busses only run on Monday and Tuesday.)
- ◆ Visit some of the additional help websites on the resources page of my website.
<http://gailismcmillan.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/Resources>



Whatever it takes,

Become Legendary!