**Algebra 1 (Level 1) Mrs. Govoni**

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**Introduction:** This is a very challenging course designed to prepare students for college level courses requiring abstract reasoning and college preparatory courses in mathematics. Emphasis is placed on an algebraic approach to problem solving and skills of algebra. This course bridges the gap between the concrete ideas of arithmetic and the more abstract ideas of higher math. Students will learn to represent numbers with variables and to expand the laws of arithmetic to include operations with variables. Topics include operations with signed numbers, polynomials, linear and quadratic equations and graphing. This course is recommended for all students planning to attend a four-year college.

**Required Materials:**

**- Textbook:** *Algebra.* UCSMP. McGraw Hill, Wright Group, Volumes 1 and 2. (Provided)

**- Calculator:** A TI-83 graphing calculator is required. (TI-84 calculator is also acceptable)

- **Notebook & Graphing Paper**

**Class Behavior:** In order to create the best learning environment we can, there are a few student expectations in the math classroom.

**1. BE RESPECTFUL**: You will be respectful of the teacher, fellow students, school property, yourself, and the subject of mathematics. Be attentive and courteous. Raise your hand.

**2. BE PREPARED:** Be IN YOUR SEAT with your homework out and be working on the P.O.D. when the bell rings. Bring a **pencil, highlighter/marker for correcting, covered textbook, math notebook & folder, and TI-84 graphing calculator** to class EVERY DAY! No passes will be issued to go to your lockers and get materials. Be prepared to learn.

**3. WORK ETHIC:** It is expected that you will work diligently, participate in class discussions, complete class work and homework neatly and in a timely fashion, and be proactive in your learning.

4**. NO CELL PHONES:** There is zero tolerance for cell phone use in this classroom. It does not matter if a parent is calling you. This includes talking, texting, taking pictures, or using social media. If I hear or see your cell phone, the following discipline action will be taken:

*First Offense:* Verbal warning

*Second Offense:*  Cell phone is taken into my possession for the day. You may pick it up in the office at the end of the day.

*Third Offense:* Cell phone is again taken away, and student serves a detention after school the following day. Parent is contacted.

**5. Bathroom Use/Disciplinary Action:** When using the restroom during my class, or stepping outside due to disciplinary action, you are expected to LEAVE your cell phone in the classroom. You may show me it is in your bag, on your desk, or you may leave it in my possession. When you return you may take the phone back and put it away immediately.

**FOOD POLICY: It is very important that the classroom remains free of food and drinks other than water. If you have just eaten anything prior to class I ask that you go to the restroom and wash your hands before entering my classroom. This includes but is not limited to nuts, milk, and wheat. Even if you are not sure, please wash your hands just in case ☺ Please speak to me privately if you have any concerns with this policy.**

**P.O.D:** Every class will start with a Problem of the Day (P.O.D.) to be done in an assigned pair. This is used to help get into the swing of things as well as to inform me as to what concepts students struggle with.

**Homework:** Success in mathematics can only be achieved through practice; therefore, homework will be assigned daily. Expect to spend 15-20 minutes on homework per evening.

*Procedure*:

1. Homework must be out on your desk at the start of class daily.

2. Homework must have **student name and date, with page and problem numbers** on the first page of the assignment. Student name should also appear on the top of subsequent pages.

3. Homework will be checked daily and solutions will be displayed for students to correct their work using the highlighter that each student brings to class each day. Approximately 10 minutes will be taken to go over homework questions daily.

4. Each homework assignment is graded out of 3 points and based on completion, effort, and work shown.

**NO WORK = NO CREDIT**

5. Late homework is not accepted for credit. Please see me if you have an extenuating circumstance.

**Make Up Work:** It is the responsibility of the student to see that all materials (notes, quizzes, tests, and classwork) missed during excused absences are made up within a time frame not to exceed the total number of days absent plus one (see student handbook). If the grade is not made up, a grade of zero will be assigned.

**\*Tests & Quizzes\*** These will be **taken during class time or during a study hall on the first day back in school** Work missed for an unexcused absence cannot be made up and will count as a zero (see student handbook).

**Extra Help:** I am available in Math Lab during 3rd period for extra help. If this is your study hall period, then please feel free to stop by Room 203 and see me whenever needed! If you have study hall during another period of the day, then please note that you may see the Math Lab teacher designated to that period. **No appointment is needed to use Math Lab.** Simply tell your study hall teacher you need to go to Math Lab and stop on by!

I am available every Tuesday and Thursday for extra help after school by appointment. If neither of these days work, then please see me to schedule another day. Please try to plan ahead. BE PROACTIVE!

**Grading Policy:**

**Tests/Quizzes/Projects: 85%**

**Homework: 15%** (Note: this is graded on effort & completion, NOT ACCURACY)

**Remind:** This is an app that allows me to send alert messages to your phone or email without actually sharing any personal information. Parents and students are welcome to sign up for remind alerts.

**Text Option**: Send a text to phone number: **81010**

Text “@mrsgovo” as the message to receive text messages about homework, upcoming quizzes, tests, and projects. I will also be using this to send annotated keys to review assignments.

**Email Option**: If you would prefer to receive an email alert as opposed to a text, simply send a BLANK email to:

[mrsgovo@mail.remind.com](mailto:mrsgovo@mail.remind.com)

To unsubscribe, simply text the number back with “unsubscribe@mrsgovo”. Or reply to one of the email alerts with “unsubscribe” as the subject.

**Google Classroom**: Helpful links, study tools, videos, and review keys will be found here.

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**Contract:**

After thoroughly reviewing this information with your parent/guardian please sign, date and return this form to me by Friday September 1st. This will be your first homework assignment!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the above classroom Policies and Procedures. I understand and agree to all terms.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In case I need to contact you:**

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Student***: I have signed up for Hw/Test/Quiz Alerts Y / N ***Parent****:*  I have signed up for Hw/Test/Quiz Alerts Y / N

**Note:** You can access the homework & assessment calendar via my website: mrsgovoni.weebly.com if you do not wish to sign up for remind alerts.

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**Student:**  I already have a TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculator Y / N

If you answered no, did you order one yet? Y / N

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