**Turkey Foot Middle School**

7th Grade Math Syllabus

Room 2405

Mrs. Hurst

Welcome to 7th Grade Math!! This year students will revisit mathematical concepts they have learned along with exploring concepts that will be new to them. We will explore these concepts through individual and group work. I look forward to working with each student to make this an exciting year in the area of mathematics!

***Course Description***

This class will use SpringBoard Mathematics, a highly engaging, student-centered instructional program. SpringBoard is based on the standards defined by the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. The program is used as a core curriculum that will provide the instructional content that students need to be prepared for future mathematical courses. SpringBoard courses expect students to practice applying mathematical ways of thinking to real-world issues and challenges.

***Materials Needed***

* SpringBoard Mathematics (provided by the school).
* Calculators (The TI-83/84 is recommended).
* A folder/binder to keep all handouts and assignments in.
* **The basics; pencils, extra loose-leaf paper or a spiral notebook, highlighters, etc.**
* A working computer at home with Internet access.
* We will periodically use technology in the classroom in the form of an iPod Touch or

Smartphone. Students will be permitted to use these devices in class for educational purposes **only** and they will be required to follow our school rules concerning these devices. The school is not responsible for lost devices; it is the students’ responsibility to secure their devices.

***Classroom Rules and Expectations***

Last year we adopted a school-wide classroom rules and expectations policy. Students can expect consistency with these rules and expectations from classroom to classroom. They are:

**1. Be in your class on time and seated with all necessary supplies.**

**2. Listen to and follow ALL instructions without interruptions.**

**3. Always treat yourself, others, and their property respectfully.**

**4. Participate in all classroom activities; give your best effort.**

Discipline steps include:

1. Verbal Warning

2. Behavior Reflection Assignment and Phone Call Home

3. ICE

4. Office Referral

***Homework Policy***

Homework will be given periodically. It is my expectation that homework be turned in on time. Homework not turned in on time will be put into Infinite Campus as “missing;” resulting in a zero. However, students will have until midterm and then the end of the quarter to turn homework in for full credit. Students with low grades and missing homework at mid and end of quarter will be required to complete the assignments on Success Day. Any late work turned into the bin will be graded and entered into IC on Monday the following week.

***Extra Credit Opportunities***

Each week students will have a “challenge of the week” problem they can complete for extra credit. The 2pts earned from these problems can be placed on a homework assignment or most recent assessment of their choosing. These are posted Monday and due by end of school on Friday and are the bulk of the extra credit available. The question can be found on my board as well as my website (listed below).

***Course Grading/Evaluation***

You will earn points from Participation (Bell Work and In Class Work), Homework, Projects/Quizzes, and Chapter Tests. I use a weighted system so the percentage earned in each category is multiplied by its weight and added together to give the final grade.

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| ***School –Wide Grading Scale*** | |
| **Grade** | **Percentage** |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | 0-59 |

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| **7th Grade Math Grading System** | |
| **Category** | **Weight** |
| Tests | 35% |
| Projects/Quizzes | 30% |
| Participation | 25% |
| Homework | 10% |

***Contact Information***

I have created a website for our classroom. On the site you can access a calendar of important events (projects, assessments, ect.), resources for SpringBoard/ homework help, along with grades and a way to contact me. I have noted the address below… don’t forget to bookmark this link for faster access in the future. Please take some time to navigate and read all the information contained there. The website will be a valuable source of information throughout the year.

I will also be utilizing a safe communication tool called, “REMIND” to send text or email messages to students and parents about our classroom. Remind is a one-way text messaging and email system where all personal information remains completely confidential. I will never see your phone number, nor will you ever see mine.

To receive messages via text, text @hurst00(class period) to (270) 215-2124.

**Example: 4th period student text @hurst004 to (270) 215-2124**

To receive messages via email, send an email to hurst00(class period)@mail.remind.com

**Example: 4th period student email hurst004@mail.remind.com.**

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached a number of ways through the listings below. I look forward to an exciting and enriching school year with you!!

**Julia P. Hurst**

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**Website Address:** http://mrshurstsclassroom.weebly.com/

**Room Number:** 2405

(Please return the whole syllabus after it is signed. It will be returned to you after I have recorded your signatures so you can keep the information above as a reference for our classroom.)

I have read Mrs. Hurst’s Syllabus AND visited her website to become familiar with important information for success in 7th Grade Mathematics class this year.

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