

Back to School Night Notes for Parents and Guardians

Mrs. Bell 2022-23

-I know that you want your kids to stay healthy, do well, feel good about themselves, grow, get enough sleep, have good days in school, gain skills and understanding, “earn” future opportunities, work hard, be “good”... etc. **I do too!!**

- I also want them to become better thinkers, problem-solvers and mathematics students so...
 - Your kids should be spending about 15-45 minutes on each homework assignment. (They will likely have 3 assignments each week, some weeks that will include tutorial work on deltamath.com.)
 - From time to time they will need to devote some homework time, and possibly additional time, to studying for tests and/or doing project problems.
 - Students who are struggling with the material and/or miss class might also have to spend extra time reading the text book or other resources, doing quiz revisions, attending extra help or Math Lab, reviewing class work...etc.

- I am available for **Extra Help** most days at 8 am and some days at 2:30.

-The **Math Lab** is open several blocks during the school day. Students can find another math teacher there to help them during the school day. The schedule is on our class Canvas page and posted in my room and the Lab rooms, rooms 427 and 452.

-I use our class Canvas web page to post quiz and test dates, **learning goals,*** assignments, links to resources or topics of interest , discussion questions, class work and more.

**The learning goals might be very helpful for you if your child is studying for a test and you want to check-in with them to see how they are doing.*

-I'll work as hard, or harder, than I ask your kids to work! I will do my best to get them thinking critically and doing math for an hour each class. I hope they will enjoy our class.

-I will respond to e-mail and phone messages the school day of or school day after receiving them. **Feel free to contact me anytime!**

-It's great when you...

- ask your kids to explain to you and/or show you what they are working on in class.
- emphasize a quality and consistent homework and classwork effort and a growth mindset.
- encourage class attendance.
- encourage students to take responsibility for their learning and understanding.
- encourage them to prioritize sleep.
- encourage creative and thoughtful problem solving, questioning, thinking and learning.
- remind your kids they can always reach out to me with questions or concerns.

Thanks for your support and for your kids- they keep me energized and hopeful! I wish that I had time to send emails home about all the impressive stuff your kids share in class, sorry, please believe me, I could send out tens of such emails daily!

Wishing you and your family a healthy and fulfilling school year- Caroline Bell