

Edmond North High School












215 West Danforth
Edmond, Oklahoma 73003-5206
2006-2007

Dear Parents and Guardians –

I would like to tell you about myself. I am originally from Solon, Ohio. I obtained a Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Christian University in 1991 where I majored in Mathematics, and minored in Education. I received my Masters from UCO in 1998 and in December of 2005 I successfully defended my Ph.D. at OU. I have been teaching for 14 years, with this being my 8th year at North. My experience other than here at North had been at Summit Middle School here in Edmond. I am a resident of Edmond and enjoy teaching our students. I am confident that this year is going to be my best yet and my hope is that it will be for your student also.

Your child has been enrolled in my Algebra 1 class for the 2006 – 2007 school year. The following information was given to your student upon entering my class to let them know what to expect from my class and what I expect from them in the coming year.






The concepts covered in this class are going to be:

-  Evaluate expressions using basic operations
-  Use the properties of arithmetic
-  Solve Linear Equations
-  Solve word problems using real life problems
-  Use positive and negative exponents
-  Factor polynomial expressions
-  Use data to provide statistical information
-  Use fractions in expressions and algebraic equations
-  Find least common multiple and greatest common factor
-  Graph and interpret linear equations and inequalities
-  Solve systems of Equations

These class outcomes will be taught using the following teaching methods: lecture, class discussion, cooperative learning, discovery and use of calculators. Grades will be determined by the following: daily work, textbook assignments, quizzes, tests, and student participation. The semester tests will be comprehensive. Students' grades will be figured from grades taken on daily assignments, quizzes, tests and notebooks. Grades are based on a 'normal' grading scale therefore an "A" = 90-100, "B" = 80-89, "C" = 70-79, "D" = 60-69 and a "F" = 0-59. In this class, Chapter Tests = 48% of your grade, Daily Assignments/Quizzes/Notebooks = 32% and Semester Exams = 20%. If you have any concerns about the grade you are earning at any point in the school year, please feel free to contact me. It is my belief that every student can and will succeed in my class.

The student will learn the status of his progress by weekly grade calculations, which are computer generated and made available to the student every first day of the week. The parents and/or guardians will be notified of a student's progress by six-week progress reports, grade cards, and reports requested by the parent. If you ever need to get a hold of me for any reason my school number is 715-6454 and my plan time is 5th hour (approx. 1:30pm). However the best way to get in touch with me is through email. My address is bill.arbuckle@edmondschools.net .

The following materials will be needed on a daily basis:

-  Textbook (bring everyday unless told otherwise)
-  3-Ring Binder with Dividers and Pockets
-  Loose-leaf Paper (notes and homework)
-  Pencils, Erasers
-  **Calculator (it is suggested that you get one with a "sin", "cos", and "tan" buttons)

Class Guidelines and Expectations:

- ✚ Be respectful and courteous to **EVERY** person in the classroom
- ✚ Encourage your classmates
- ✚ Be prepared for class (bring all materials needed)
- ✚ Be prompt (be on time and ready to start when the bell rings)

Absences/Make-up work:

- ✚ Keep absences and tardies to a minimum.
When you are gone you cannot ever truly make-up the missed material.
- ✚ 3 tardies = 1 absence
- ✚ Check your assignment sheet the day you return for missed work.
- ✚ Get missed class notes from fellow students.
- ✚ If you are absent the day before a test or a quiz and new material was **NOT** covered while you were gone, you **WILL** take the test or quiz with the rest of the class.
- ✚ If you will be absent due to a school activity, according to school policy you are to make-up your work **BEFORE** you are gone, this includes making arrangements for tests and quizzes.

Cell phones will not be allowed in the classroom not even as a calculator. They are to be **invisible** and **silent** at all times. This is your warning. Any violations of this rule could result in the confiscation of your phone.

I am looking forward to working with you and your student over the coming year. I give you my word that I will do all I can to teach your child and help them learn. I hope that you will join me in encouraging your student to do their **BEST**. I would encourage you to think of us as a team, your student's success is important to both of us so let's work together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Arbuckle

Those Available for Help:

Bill Arbuckle	Room 148
Aaron Espolt	Traveling Teacher
Jill Ireland	Room 400
Kevin Korstjens	Traveling Teacher
Dave Thomas	Traveling Teacher