

## **GEOMETRY SYLLABUS**

Welcome to a new year and a new subject! Geometry is the study of shapes and logic, or more specifically, the study of how items around us are built and interact. Although the course material is *very* different from that of its algebraic counterparts, it is absolutely essential to your mathematical journey! In order to ensure your success, I have outlined the following guidelines.

### **Classroom Policies**

1. Be a good SPORT. Treat Self, Property, Others, Rules, and Teacher with respect at all times.
2. Cell phones are to remain out of sight from tardy bell to exit bell. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the following consequences:
  - a. 1st Warning: The cell phone will be collected and kept by the teacher until the end of the day.
  - b. 2nd Warning: The child's parent or guardian will be contacted. A parent conference may or may not be scheduled.
  - c. 3rd Warning: The student will be issued a referral. A parent conference may or may not be scheduled.
3. Cell phones **MUST** be turned in to the teacher on quiz and test days. Any student who does not turn in his/her cell phone and then utilizes it during class will receive an automatic zero on that quiz or test.
4. No cussing is acceptable.
5. Food and drink are not permitted within the classroom.
6. All materials borrowed by the student will be returned to the teacher in the same condition as it was borrowed.
7. Any student borrowing a calculator is responsible for its upkeep. Any previous damages are to be reported to the teacher immediately. (See attachment.)
8. An assignment that is copied or allowed to be copied will receive a grade of 0%. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. A parent conference may or may not be scheduled.
9. Absent students are responsible for acquiring their work from the absence folder, obtaining the necessary help to complete it (outside of classroom time), and turning it in.
  - a. A grace period of 3 school days for each day of absence will be permitted for completion of the assignment.
  - b. If a student misses the day before a test (review), they are responsible for taking the missed test on the day of their return.
10. All school policies are enforced in the classroom, including tardy and absence policies.

### **Classroom Procedures and Need-to-Know's**

1. The following grading policy applies:
  - a. Major grades = 60% (Unit Tests and Projects)
  - b. Minor Grades = 30% (Quizzes and some Classroom Assignments)
  - c. Participation = 10% (Homework and some Classroom Assignments)
2. Lessons often span multiple days. Homework is due the day after it is assigned, unless otherwise noted.
3. Homework quizzes will be issued sporadically throughout each unit. One random problem will be chosen from the homework and this one problem will be graded for accuracy. The rest of the homework will be graded for completion and effort only.
4. Every Tuesday will involve one of 3 quizzes (randomly chosen):
  - a. Notebook Quiz: Students will be asked to answer questions about their notebook and will be allowed to reference it.
  - b. Vocabulary Quiz: Students will write the definitions of 10 vocabulary words provided the week prior.

- c. Fraction Quiz: Students will complete operations on 12 sets of fractions without the use of a calculator. Work must be shown in order to receive credit.
5. Students will receive three bathroom passes each nine weeks. If all three are exhausted, students will not be permitted to use the bathroom unless there is an emergency. Any bathroom passes not used by the end of the three weeks will be exchanged for 3 bonus points apiece. These will be placed in the gradebook wherever they are most beneficial. Unused bathroom passes will not roll over into the new 9 weeks.
6. Students will occasionally be rewarded “Good Steward” points for various acts of respect, responsibility, and kindness. These may be redeemed for small prizes and/or bonus points.
7. Tutoring will be provided once a week after school on Wednesdays between 3pm and 4pm. However, extra help may be obtained through homeroom, break, lunch, and other prearranged times.
8. Multiple venues of communication will be provided to help students and parents / guardians keep track of assignments.
  - a. All lesson plans will be posted to the teacher’s webpage.
  - b. Students will be required to keep a list of ongoing assignments in their binders.
  - c. Homework will be posted on the classroom whiteboards daily.
  - d. Assignment / Test / Quiz reminders will be sent out using the Remind app. (See attachment.)

### **Classroom Supplies**

1. 3-Ring Binder (required) - a 2” is ideal
2. 3 Dividers (required) - labeled Activities, Homework, and Graded Work
3. Paper (required)
4. Writing Utensil (required)
5. Scientific Calculator (recommended) - a TI-30X IIS is provided for each student
6. Compass, ruler, and protractor (not recommended)
7. Colored writing utensils (VERY highly recommended)

Note: A classroom set of each recommended material will be provided for in-class use only. Any student who does not own these supplies is responsible for finding time to borrow them from the teacher or a classmate during school hours when needed.

### **Caveat**

The teacher reserves the right to alter any policy or procedure as necessary to maintain classroom management and ensure progress for all peers.

Let’s have a strong year. I look forward to educating each of you and hope to achieve maximum success!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Singell

P.S. Parents, please take some time to fill in and return each of the following pages. Thank you!

### Syllabus / Borrowed Materials Agreement

I have read and understood the classroom policies and classroom procedures. I understand that any material borrowed from the teacher is to be returned in pristine condition. If damage to the object existed before use, it is the child's responsibility to alert the teacher. Any material lost or damaged (especially calculators) is to be replaced or paid for by the student or parent/guardian.

Student Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Information

Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent eMail address \_\_\_\_\_

When is the best time to call you if I need to? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have access to the internet at home?      Yes                  No

#### Notes

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I am aware of the cell phone policy. I understand that any cell phone usage on a quiz or test day will result in an automatic zero on that quiz or test.

Student Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Instructions for Remind:***

1st Period: text the code **@mrssingell** to the number **81010** OR to the number **(716) 239-4610**

2nd Period: text the code **@dinozaur** to the number **81010** OR to the number **(716) 239-4610**

3rd Period: text the code **@sunflwr** to the number **81010** OR to the number **(716) 239-4610**

4th Period: text the code **@chickdee** to the number **81010** OR to the number **(716) 239-4610**

6th Period: text the code **@hunnybun** to the number **81010** OR to the number **(716) 239-4610**

7th Period: text the code **@cokezro** to the number **81010** OR to the number **(716) 239-4610**