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Dear Parent/Guardian:

First, allow me to welcome you to another exciting yet ambitious school year. The skills learned in mathematics will benefit your son or daughter to live a more productive life as well as further themselves in other academic or extra-curricular courses.

The most successful students are those who take responsibility for their progress. As a teacher of record, your child can expect the lessons from varied instructional skills. It is my goal to build a rigorous curriculum, which will include an inordinate amount of critical thinking and higher-level problem-solving skills, to prepare them for postsecondary education. Please help your child succeed in self-motivation and develop healthy study habits. Your interest and support of your child are paramount in maintaining academic achievement. As a guardian, you do have an opportunity to see your child's grades and attendance by logging into Humble ISD's website.

Your child's grade breakdown is as follows: **70% tests and projects (summative) and 30% quizzes and homework (formative)**. There will be **at least** three summative grades per nine-week marking period. During tests, your child should expect to see a few problems that may be unfamiliar, but are solvable using the methods and theory learned the lessons. It is my job to get your child prepared² for these exams. Quizzes will also be part of the class. They can be announced or unannounced. On the online grade book, quizzes are weighted four times compared to a homework assignment because we are grading based on accuracy. In individual opportunities, your child can also complete quiz corrections to help improve the original grade.

Tutoring times are Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings and by appointment. I encourage them to show up if they need extra assistance. If your child misses an exam, they will need to set an appointment with me to schedule a suitable time. However, I do not allow them to take the make-up test during school hours (which includes "Early Dismissal" and "Late Arrival.")

Practice is essential to your child's success and, therefore, homework is not optional but **vital**. The assignment is due the next class period. If your child is absent, please tell your child to visit my website at dangmath.com to receive notes. If they need a refresher on a topic, they can always download the presentation notes, guided notes, and worksheets.

Your child does not need to purchase a graphing calculator. There will be an assigned calculator in class. They cannot take the calculator away from the classroom, but they will have access to most classes. There are some websites of which students can use graphing calculators online, and links are available through my website. If you plan on purchasing a graphing calculator, I highly recommend a TI-84 Plus (Texas Instruments) or TI-inspire CAX. I would not recommend bringing the calculator to school unless it is secured.

To expedite the communication outside the classroom to a greater degree, I am asking parents to send me an e-mail to viet.dang@humbleisd.net. In the e-mail subject line, please identify your child's name and period. In the body of the message, please identify yourself and a couple of sentences about yourself and your family. It is nothing too formal but more like an introduction. It proves the e-mail address is in working condition and for me to get know you. Your child can also subscribe to a text message via the phone Remind service. It is their responsibility to check the website frequently for notes and announcements.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate and contact me by e-mail. I will do my best to answer your question(s) in a timely fashion. Together as a team, we will make this a superb year for your child.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jim Dang

Please provide 10 unsharpened pencils and 1 pack of AAA batteries. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.