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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 in 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 of their own progress. As the teacher of record, your child can expect the lessons be taught through 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 strong 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: **75% tests and projects (summative) and 25% quizzes and homework (formative)**. There will be at least three tests per nine-week marking period. During tests, your child should expect to see a few problems which may be unfamiliar but are solvable using the methods and theory learned through the lessons. It is my job to get your child ready for these tests.

Practice is essential for your child's success. Homework is almost always given and is not optional. Please note that homework can be taken up late, but there will be an assessed grade penalty. The assignment is always due the next class period. There is a calendar on the website. If your child is absent, please tell your child to visit my website at [dangmath.com](http://dangmath.com). If they need a refresher of a topic, they can always download the PowerPoint notes, guided notes, and worksheets.

There will be weekly quizzes. Your child has an option to complete quiz corrections (for most quizzes). To earn their points back, they must complete all of their corrections on either a separate sheet of paper in the proper format and staple it with the original quiz. Your child can earn up to half their missed points in return. They are typically due when on the exam day. Late corrections will not be accepted. If your child misses a quiz, the exam grade can replace their quiz grade.

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 during 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-83 to TI-84 Plus (Texas Instruments). No TI-89 (best for AP testing) or TI-inspire CAX allowed. I would not recommend bringing the calculator to school unless secured in a safe place.

In order to expedite the communication outside the classroom to a greater degree, I am asking parents to send me an e-mail to [viet.dang@humble.k12.tx.us](mailto:viet.dang@humble.k12.tx.us). 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. First, it proves the e-mail address is in working condition. Secondly, I will do my best to communicate every grading period with upcoming assignments and dates using a list-serve like Google Groups. I also ask your child to make sure and check the Facebook or Twitter page often. It is your child's responsibility to check the website frequently.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate and contact me either through 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Dang', written in a cursive style.

Jim Dang

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