

Mrs. Jacquelyn Caliente & Company  
Mathematics: Math in Focus  
Open House: Sept. 17, 2015

Agenda for tonight...

- **What Topics Have Been Covered, so far?:** Absolute value, opposites, m/n form, locating numbers on a number line, do now skills (previously learned).
- **How to Succeed in Math on opposite side of this sheet.**
- **Modes of Communication:** Teacher Site, Parent Portal, e-mail, phone
- **Teacher Site:** Way to Stay in Touch, News, H/W, Calendar of Events, Due Dates, Resources, Etc.
- **Parent Portal:** Log-In needed. Updated every weekend. The Parent Portal is useful to those parents who would like to monitor their student's progress. Please encourage your students to do the same! The Parent Portal shows previous homework that was checked for completion w/a description; graded tests, quizzes, and other assignments, along with a comment or two from yours truly. The best way to utilize the parent portal is by printing out or viewing the student report. Report cards, Progress Reports, Benchmark Tests.
- **Grading policy and expectations of the class were already sent home, signed, and returned by your student and a parent.**
- **Breakdown of Grade:** 1 project per marking period & at least 3 test & quizzes each; 40% Tests, 30% Quizzes, Projects (or as a test), "Labs", etc, 15% Homework, 15% Notebook Check, Participation, Do Nows (occasionally)
- **Extra Credit:** 5-6 extra credit points are built into every test/quiz. No other extra credit opportunities are provided.
- **Extra Help:** Any day during the first 20 (or so) minutes of lunch. Students must come straight from gym. Some reasons to come to extra help are: questions about notes, HW, study guide, extra practice w/s, tests, quizzes, projects, etc. Extra help is only canceled once in a blue moon, if I have an obligation.
- **Daily Homework Assignments:** Please *do not* use the Parent Portal to find homework for the day. Sometimes my plans change and it is not updated right away. USE MY TEACHER SITE!! Students are encouraged and expected to write their homework from the board, in the agendas that were provided.
- **The Homework Policy:** discussed in the packet that went home, signed, and returned. 100% = complete, 75%= incomplete, 70% = half credit, if ONE day late, 0 = did not do. Five zeroes = lunch detention. Students have ONE day to turn in missing homework to receive H/C (70%). Students who are absent are encouraged to check with a homework buddy or with the teacher site to find out what they missed. However, they are entitled to however many days they were out to make up their HW. Homework Buddy coming soon...

Contact me if there are any questions or concerns, please!

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## How to Succeed in Math This Year

### What You Can Do

- Check the Parent Portal weekly
- Check my Teacher Site daily, especially for homework: [oldbridgedadmin.org/webpages/jcaliente](http://oldbridgedadmin.org/webpages/jcaliente)
- Ensure homework is completed
- Help your student's binder stay organized
- Ask them what they learned "today"
- Assist in studying for test/quizzes & completing projects
- Encourage them to attend extra help
- Use RESOURCES to reinforce skills
- The online textbook provides @ home projects you could complete
- Minimize absences
- Email me if your have a question

### What Your Student Can Do

- Check the Parent Portal
- Write homework in agenda
- Check my Teacher Site daily, especially for homework: [oldbridgedadmin.org/webpages/jcaliente](http://oldbridgedadmin.org/webpages/jcaliente)
- Hand homework, projects, & other assignments in completed & on time
- Review notes, do now, study guide, & homework daily
- Keep your binder organized
- Minimize absences
- Attend extra help
- Study in advance for tests/quizzes
- Take advantage of extra credit
- Participate
- Use RESOURCES to practice
- Email me using your student email account only