

Pojoaque Valley Middle School

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Kindness Rules !!

Pojoaque Valley Middle School

Our Mission:

To provide a safe and respectful learning environment that promotes PRIDE
Prepared-Respect/Responsibility-In class on time-Doing your work-Expecting to succeed

Our Goals:

STUDENT PERFORMANCE/SCHOOL CULTURE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2016/2017 school year at Pojoaque Valley Middle School. I will be your child's pre-algebra teacher. I am a graduate of the University Of New Mexico with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Science. I have over 50 hours above my degree with many classes in science and mathematics. I have 34 years' experience of teaching which includes working in the Espanola Schools, McCurdy Schools, and the Pojoaque Valley Schools. I am anxious to implement new ideas and strategies I worked on this summer and look forward to working with your child.

All math students will need 2 composition books to use as a do now notebook and a reference notebook that will stay in the classroom. They will also need a 1½ inch binder for math notes and homework. When homework is assigned, students are required to turn in the work the next day in class. Make up work policy will follow the school policy.

If the student is participating in a school-sponsored activity that causes absence from a class, it is the student's responsibility to collect homework before the event and is due upon return at full (100%) credit. If missed assignments are not turned in upon return to class, then the student will be allowed to turn the missing assignments within two days at half (50%) credit. After two days, no credit will be given. In the case of unexcused absence, the teacher may reduce the grade on the assignment or withhold credit on the assignment.

My rule is that I do not accept any late work if the student has an unexcused absence or fails to complete and turn in the assignment the day after it is assigned.

Students will be issued a math textbook which they will keep at home throughout the school year to use on homework assignments and a reference tool. We will also have a classroom set of books for student's use in class. We will be completing some work in class as well as homework assignments. Any student who loses their textbook will be required to pay to replace their book.

Be Respectful, Be Prepared, and Be Responsible are the three simple rules in my class. When students do not follow these rules I will contact you to help with the problem. When everyone follows the rules, the learning process is more successful for everyone.

School policy will be followed to address any discipline problems. All discipline problems that occur in class will be handled by the teacher with immediate action such as changing seating assignment, loss of privileges, or teacher/student conference.

One focus area in class will be to improve student achievement. All Math students will work on improving math skills by implementing a variety of strategies and activities. The curriculum will include the following units:

1. Rational Numbers and Exponents
2. Proportionality and Linear Relationships (expressions and equations)
3. Introduction to Statistics and Probability
4. Create, Compare and Analyze Geometric Figures

Grades will be based on the following categories:

1. Homework- 20%
2. Class work-25
3. Quizzes – 25%
4. Tests – 30%

It is very important to keep informed about what your child is studying in my class. Please work with your child on any concepts we are studying. Our goal to improve student achievement will be much more successful if you, your child, and I all work together to improve their math skills.

Please feel free to come and visit my class and see the learning that is happening and how you can best help your child. I am sure you are aware of the safety issues that all schools face, so please follow the Visitor Policy by checking in at the office before coming to the classroom.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress. The easiest way is using email. My email address is: vvf@pvs.k12.nm.us.

You may also set up a meeting during my prep period which is 6th period from 1:01- 1:53.

Again, I would like to welcome you to Pojoaque Valley Middle School Algebra I class. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Sincerely,

Veronica Fresquez