

September 7, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another fun filled school year. I am writing this letter to inform you that our class website is up and running. The website will allow you to view the homework assignments for the week, lesson notes and videos, available extra credit, and important class announcements. Parents and students may know at all times the exact standing of a student in the class through the use of PowerSchool. Login information may be obtained by contacting a guidance counselor. I will update the website daily by 3:30 pm. Parents please utilize the website as often as possible. It will allow you to know the progress of your child throughout the year. You can email me at npallotta@hopatcongschools.org and I will usually reply quickly. **Also, feel free to call or text me at (973) 446-5717. This is my Google Voice Number.** I am also using **Remind** this year. This is essentially an “Alert Now” system for my classroom. I will send out the homework each night and any important announcements for my class. These announcements will include quiz or test alerts and parent reminders.

Grade 6 Math students and parents can sign up by sending a text to (973) 786-1654 with the message @ddgcf.

Grade 6 Accelerated Math students and parents can sign up by sending a text to (973) 786-1654 with the message @4ah6a.

The address of my class website is <http://www.mrpshomepage.com/>

As per district policy, student grades will be calculated using the following categories and weights.

Classwork is worth 10% of the marking period grade. Any work assigned to be completed in class will be graded in this category.

Homework will be assigned every night and is worth 20% of the grade for the marking period. Completed homework receives 10 out of 10 points. Incomplete homework receives 5 out of 10 points. 8 out of 10 points are given when an incomplete assignment is completed. Late homework will be given 6 out of 10 points. **It is imperative that the students complete homework nightly! However students may stop working after 30 min.**

Tests comprise 40% of the marking period grade. There will be three tests during a marking period. All tests will be announced in class and on the class website at least three days prior to the test date.

Quizzes comprise 30% of the marking period grade and may not be announced. There will usually be five or six quizzes during a marking period.

(Students will be allowed to retake a test or quiz once to improve a low grade. The retest must be scheduled and taken afterschool)

I look forward to a productive and successful school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pallotta