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**Mrs. Schuit & Mrs. Sneed 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, Room 18**  
**2016 -2017 School Year**  
**Classroom Expectations**

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of the new school year. We are excited and looking forward to having you in our class this school year. We hope that we will all have a positive, exciting, and successful year.

In addition to the Dearborn Public School's core values of honesty, respect, courtesy, responsibility, integrity, and citizenship, we need to remind you that all Bryant Middle School rules must be followed at all times. Please take time to review them before both **student and parent sign and detach the last page** and return it to us by **Friday, September 16, 2016.**

\*\*\*\*\***Classroom Rules**\*\*\*\*\*

1. **Come to class on time.** Class schedules are posted in the room and bathrooms are also located in the classroom so there is no excuse for tardies.  
**Three tardies to class in a marking period will result in a detention.**
2. **Come to class ready to learn:** Do not bring horseplay, toys, distractions, or bad attitudes to class with you.
3. **Bring all required materials to class daily.** Such items include planner, (2) spiral notebooks, red checking pen, interactive notebook, and multiple **PENCILS**. Other materials may be requested throughout the year for special assignments or projects and you will be told in advance about these materials.
4. **Bring completed assignments to class the day that it is due.** There will be homework almost daily and they are expected to be completed and handed in for credit when they are due. **If an assignment is not complete, it will be accepted up until the assessment is given for a 25% reduction in the grade.**
5. **Cheating.** Cheating is not permitted at Bryant Middle School. Cheating is copying someone's homework or test/quiz answers. Students involved may receive a zero on that assignment, quiz or test and receive a detention.
6. **ALWAYS have an attitude of respect:** for the teachers' authority, substitute's authority, your peers, yourself and our classroom.
7. **No backpacks or book-bags** may be brought into the classroom (safety reasons).

If classroom rules are not followed, we will take the following steps:

1. Warning - the student is given a non-verbal warning (yellow card/red card)
2. Conference with the student and planner will be signed.
3. Phone call to parent
4. Detention - the student is given a **before-school detention (7:00-7:55 a.m.).**
5. Parent Conference - a conference is called with the student, parent, teachers, and counselor
- \*\*\*\*\* 6. Severe Behavior - the student is sent directly to the Assistant Principal/Principal

\*\*\*\*\***Student Behavior**\*\*\*\*\*

We expect that all of students will behave properly in the classroom and throughout the entire building. Students are to show respect to all adults in the building whether it is another teacher, administrator, substitute, custodian, secretary, or parent. There may be some activities both inside and outside the building and will require students to behave in the proper manner. **If a student demonstrates that he/she cannot behave properly, We, as their teachers, reserve the right to exclude such student from any/all activities outside the classroom.** We know that all of our students are fine young people and hope that such action should never have to occur.

**Assignments**

Assignments will be given each day. We try to give some time to begin assignments in class. You should expect to spend some time each evening completing or reviewing assignments. **All of the assignments given are due on the next school day unless otherwise specified by the teachers.** All of the assignments given are given orally and posted in the classroom as well as on our blog/Google Classroom. We recommend subscribing to our blog to receive homework and information daily even in the event of your absence.

Each student has been given a Bryant planner in which they will use to record all daily assignments. This will also be the tool in which teachers and parents can communicate on a daily basis. **Please check your child's planner daily to see if homework is not turned in or completed.**

**Late Work Policy**

**Late work will be accepted only up until the assessment is given with a reduction of 25% of the grade. Please understand that late work will affect overall grades.**

\*\*\*\*\***Assessments**\*\*\*\*\*

An assessment will be given about 2 to 3 times per the domain that we are studying. A retake is open to all students so long as the student meets the following criteria.

1. **Students must correct incorrect test questions on a separate piece of loose-leaf paper and attach to original assessment.**
2. **Parents must sign the front of the original assessment.**
3. **Students will take a retake only once and at the time it is scheduled.**
4. **The retake grade will be the grade of the assessment.**

Students will know the date of the retake when the assessment is returned. **A retake will only be administered once so the student must be present for the retake.** All assessments are kept in the classroom and parents are invited to come and look them over.

**Extra Help**

We will be available **once a week** for additional help for thirty minutes after school on Wednesdays beginning in October. We will post those scheduled times beginning in October. They will also be posted on the blog as well. Please check with us in advance to ensure you have parental consent to remain after school. Please note that it is the parent's responsibility to pick up/organize after school transportation for the student at 3:30.

\*\*\*\*\*Grading Scale\*\*\*\*\*

The grading scale is as follows:

|    |         |    |        |
|----|---------|----|--------|
| A  | 93-100% | C  | 73-77% |
| A- | 90-92%  | C- | 70-72% |
| B+ | 88-89%  | D+ | 68-69% |
| B  | 87-83%  | D  | 63-67% |
| B- | 80-82%  | D- | 60-62% |
| C+ | 78-79%  | E  | 0-59%  |

\*\*\*\*\*Math Expectations\*\*\*\*\*

1. Assignments are **only accepted in pencils.**
2. **Students are to keep all assignments in separate spiral notebooks.**
3. Bell Work is to be completed daily in its own separate folder.
4. Daily assignments are given and will be graded or just checked in as complete/incomplete.
5. **Students assumes responsibility of correcting homework problems that are incorrect so as to understand the problem for future use.**
6. Students may not use calculators on work or assessments unless specified by the teacher.
7. Assessments are given every 5-10 school days.

\*\*\*\*\*Grade Weights\*\*\*\*\*

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Assignments/Classwork | <b>15%</b>       |
| Assessments           | <b>80%</b>       |
| Responsibility Grade  | <b><u>5%</u></b> |
|                       | <b>100%</b>      |

Daily assignment grades are given on daily assignments. They are given based on their effort and following directions. They are based on following 4 pt. scale (25% per point):

- 4 Points = Followed directions and answered most correctly.
- 3 Points = Followed directions and answered some correctly.
- 2 Points = Followed directions and answered few correctly.
- 1 Point = Followed few or no directions and answer very few correctly.
- 0 Points = Did not follow any directions.

**Responsibility grade** is given at the beginning of each marking period. A student receives 100 percentage points in this category if they bring all materials, textbooks, planners to class every day. Points are deducted if students do not have their proper materials or are chewing gum/candy. If you forget your supplies or are chewing gum or eating candy, the following points will be deducted from the responsibility grade:

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Planner                                 | 10 |
| Notebook/Folder                         | 10 |
| Materials (colored pencil/checking pen) | 10 |
| Gum/Candy                               | 25 |

\*\*\*\*\***Requested Classroom Supplies**\*\*\*\*\*

1. Five (5) spiral notebooks (one for each Math unit)  
**(Four single subject notebooks and one 3 to 5 subject notebook)**
2. 100 sheet Composition Notebook
3. PENCILS ONLY for Math (**Lots of them**)
4. Pencil sharpener
5. Red checking pens
6. Ruler (Not mandatory but recommended)
7. Colored Pencils (Not mandatory but recommended)
8. Scissors (Not mandatory but recommended)

\*\*Please no permanent markers, trapper keepers, White-Out, and gel pens allowed.\*\*

We hope this is helpful in understanding what is expected of our students. Please understand that additional items may be needed as the school year progresses. Any family that is unable to provide any classroom materials needed should contact us at school. We ask that you and your parents read over this letter and sign the lower portion and return it to us by Friday, September 16, 2016. We hope that this has given you some idea what to expect and we look forward to working together over the course of the year. Open House is Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Please feel free to call us at school at 827-2900 or by email at [schuitr@dearbornschools.org](mailto:schuitr@dearbornschools.org) and [sneedn@dearbornschools.org](mailto:sneedn@dearbornschools.org)  
**Please subscribe to our blog to receive updates daily on classroom happenings.**

**Blog:** <http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/schuitsneed>

Students, parents, and teachers can work together to have a successful year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Renee M. Schuit

Mrs. Natasha Sneed

**Dates to Remember:**

- **Open House – Wednesday, 9/16/16**
- **Student-Led Parent Conferences – Monday, 10/24/16 & Wednesday, 10/26/16**

\*\*\*\*\***Please return this page by Friday, September 16, 2016**\*\*\*\*\*

We have read and discussed the above classroom rules and procedures. We understand the rules and procedures of Mrs. Schuit's and Mrs. Sneed's classroom.

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Student Signature

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Print Name

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Print Name

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Date

Parent Contact information: **Phone**\_\_\_\_\_

**Email**\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*Throughout the school year, we may take photos of the students during projects or in learning centers and place those photos on our blog. If you are against having your child's photo taken and used for educational purposes we understand. If you are comfortable with us using your child's photo on our blog to show our learning please sign below giving us permission to do so and thank you.

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Parent Signature

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Date