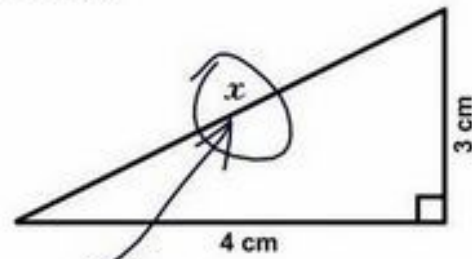


# Welcome, Parents, to Pre-Algebra!

3. Find  $x$ .



*Here it is*

**Back-to-School Night**  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Mrs. Kristen Galante

# Curriculum

- This year, Mr. Galgon and I will be implementing the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Common Core Standards throughout our course of study, including real numbers, multi-step equations, functions, triangles, transformations, congruence and similarity, volume and surface area, and statistics.
- We will also be reviewing specific 7th grade Math concepts, such as percents and probability, when/if necessary.
- As we now have 80 minutes everyday together, we look forward to incorporating more hands-on and virtual learning experiences and group work in our daily lessons!

# Technology

- Thanks to generous donations from the EFLS and PTO, we use various technologies in class throughout the year, including:

- ENO Board
- Surface Pro
- Students' chromebooks
- Numerous online resources
- [AUP](#) for students



# Expectations

*It is expected that every student will...*

- Try his or her hardest to reach his or her full potential in mathematics.
- Try to keep a positive attitude and open mind, and never give up on themselves.
- Question mathematical concepts and rules.
- Come see me if they have any questions or concerns about the learning material.
- Come to class prepared with all required materials. ***All math work must be completed in pencil!***
- Follow all classroom and school rules.

# Be Positive!



- PLEASE don't tell your child that you're *not good in math*...
- Numerous research studies have reinforced the significance of parents attitudes in persuading their adolescents' attitudes and achievement.
- According to one source from first article provided below, the sole factor in children's educational success is their parents and their attitudes towards learning.
- Parents' mathematical anxiety can have a negative effect on their children. Researchers observed that children who received math homework help from mathematically fearful parents showed weaker math achievements than their peers, which in turn resulted in increased math anxiety for the children themselves.
- Sources:
  - [The Role of Parental Math Attitude in Their Child's Math Achievement](#)
  - [Stop Telling Kids You're Bad At Math](#)



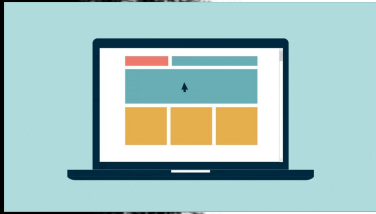
# Grading Policy

- Tests = 50%
  - Quizzes = 30%
  - Formative Assessments = 15%
  - Classwork = 5%
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- *Homework is no longer included in your child's marking period grade, but it is still absolutely necessary for them to complete!*

# Parent Portal

- Link provided on MPS website under **Parents** or on my Parents Resources page.
- Math grades updated frequently - look for comments!
- *Because parents have constant access to Parent Portal, it is the parents' responsibility to check on the progress of their child. Progress reports will not be sent home during the school year.*





# School Website

- Copies of notes and homework assignments will become available on my [website](#) by 4:00 PM.
- Students may access their textbook and numerous other resources online! *Please encourage your child to visit my and their other teachers' websites and Google classrooms often for information and helpful resources.*
- Please visit the [Parents Resources](#) page on my website to view this presentation and for other helpful links!





# Homework Policy

- ❖ **One missed homework assignment =**
  - "No" for completion in gradebook
  - After-school detention where assignment must be completed
  - Failure to attend or discuss detention with the teacher results in a Central detention
  
- ❖ **2 missed homework assignments =**
  - All consequences for missed assignment
  - Parents are contacted
  
- ❖ **Every missed homework assignment after the 2<sup>nd</sup> =**
  - All consequences for missed assignment
  - Parents are contacted
  - Central detention



# Absent Policy



- Number of days absent = Number of school days students have to make up missing assignments
- It is the students' responsibility to look over the notes, learn the material on their own, and to meet with me if they have any difficulty understanding the material.
- *If a student misses class but is present at school, it is his or her responsibility to obtain any missing work that school day!*
- Homework cannot be requested before a planned trip or vacation. *Check the website!!!*

# Extra Help



- I am available most Tuesdays through Thursdays after school until 3:30 PM. I am also available some mornings at 7:45 AM.
- Students must arrange a time to meet with me if they are not available during these times.
- Students are welcome to email me with questions concerning homework or concepts. I will do my best to respond to all emails before leaving school for the day.

# Conferences

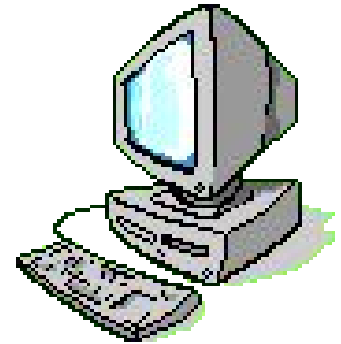


- Individual conferences will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- If you wish to schedule a conference with myself or any of the other seventh grade teachers before this date, please feel free contact any of us and set up a meeting time.
- Sorry, no individual conferences tonight...

Please don't hesitate to  
contact me if you have any  
questions or concerns!

Email:

[kgalante@littlesilverschools.org](mailto:kgalante@littlesilverschools.org)



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