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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Los Coches Creek CSMA Magnet Middle School! I am very happy to have your child in my class and look forward to having a fantastic school year. My goal is to provide your child with support, encouragement, and motivation to be successful in math this year. Below you will find important information and my expectations in regards to homework, classwork, turn in policy, etc.

Classwork is broken down into a vast variety of assignments. Math assignments will be from math lessons/problem solving, math note taking, quizzes and tests. Class assignments will be posted in your child's Google Classroom in case of absences. Each lesson will be fully explained with clear due dates; it is expected that the vast majority of math assignments will be completed in class. Assignments not completed in class are expected to be finished at home and turned in the next school day. . **It is the students responsibility to check in with me if absent OR if he/she doesn't understand the lesson given.** Students are given two weeks to complete an assignment missing due to an absence UNLESS the assignment is a test or quiz which will need to be taken no later than a week after the students return. It is very important that students do their best on all assignments and turn them in on time. **REMEMBER THAT ZEROS ARE DETRIMENTAL TO A STUDENT'S GRADE!**

Homework is the reinforcement of math concepts/lessons to build a strong foundation of understanding of math. I do not plan on giving too much in the way of homework during this school year however when assigned I expect all students to attempt their homework. Just as my expectations for student classwork **it is the responsibility of the student to make sure he/she collects the homework if absent.** Homework will not be accepted late unless the student was absent and will be required to be completed when the student returns. All homework falls under the effort grade category. Please know that a student's overall effort grade on the report card is based on 50% of the homework grade and 50% on their effort on classwork and participation.

Grades are updated by Friday and posted on iGrade Plus. I will provide parents and students with access to the grade portal. The reason I DO NOT use Zangle is because iGrade Plus allows me to send out weekly grade reports, which I will do each Friday afternoon along with a weekly informational message. I will be collecting parent emails so you can get this important information!. Students who earn 70% or less will have comments in iGrade Plus explaining the earned score.

Cell phones are to be turned off and stored in the backpack until the end of the school day and smart watches must be in a position where they operate ONLY as a watch. Please do not text/call your child. If you need to get ahold of your child contact the office and your message will be sent to the classroom.

In addition to classwork and homework other methods of evaluation include quizzes and tests. The grading system is as follows:

98 – 100	A+	Quizzes/Tests, and Major Projects are weighted and are worth more than other classwork.
93 - 97	A	
90 - 92	A-	
88 – 89	B+	Citizenship grades are based on student in class behavior and following classroom rules
83 - 87	B	
80 - 82	B-	
78 -79	C+	
72 – 77	C	
70 - 73	C-	
68 – 69	D+	
63 - 67	D	
60 - 62	D-	
0 – 59	F	

Students are expected to follow school and classroom rules at all times.

Classroom Rules

1. Keep hands, feet, and objects to ourselves
2. Come prepared to work
3. Be respectful of everyone
4. Try your best
5. Be a good role model

Student Expectations

1. Bring all materials needed to be successful in class including a charged Chromebook.
2. Practice active listening (eyes on presenter, silent hands, ears listening, no talking to others).
3. Ask questions when you don't understand or need clarification.
4. Complete ALL assignments and homework as assigned
5. Work with others and respect their ideas, thoughts, opinions.
6. Make up all missed work when absent from class.
7. Always ask for help when needed.
8. Be in your seat when the bell rings ready to learn and wait to be dismissed to leave.

If you have any questions or need to contact me please call (619) 938-8600 or email me at blankenship@cajonvalley.net. I look forward to working with you and your child.

Please be sure to complete and return the attached page to acknowledge receipt of this letter. Can't wait for an awesome school year!

Trevor Blankenship
6th Grade Math/Science
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Student First and Last Name - Print

Parent(s) Contact Information:

(Parent name)

(Relationship)

Phone number: _____

Email: _____
Please write the email address very clearly.

(Parent name)

(Relationship)

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Any concerns to be aware of (medical, difficulties, or needs)

We understand the information provided in Mr. Blankenship's back to school letter.

Student signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Record of Parent Communication (Emails, Notes, Etc.)

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