**Instructor:** Melissa Tuccio Wilbanks **Class: 8th Pre-Algebra**

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**Extra Help:** After school Thursday by appointment. Email me or speak with me to schedule a day/time.

**Course Description: Pre-Algebra**

**This course is designed to cover basic Pre-Algebra concepts listed below. This class will be preparing students for their 8th grade Mathematics FSA Test and for their Algebra 1 class next year.**

**\*Dates below may be modified by teacher for testing purposes**

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| **Unit** | **Dates** |
| **Unit 1: Real Numbers** | **Start of school to mid quarter 1** |
| **Unit 2: Analyze and Solve Linear Equations** | **Mid quarter 1 to end of quarter 1** |
| **Unit 3: Use Functions to Model Relationships** | **Beginning to mid quarter 2** |
| **Unit 4: Investigate Bivariate Data** | **Mid quarter 2 to end of quarter 2** |
| **Unit 5: Analyze and Solve Systems of Linear Equations** | **Beginning to mid quarter 3** |
| **Unit 6: Congruence and Similarity** | **Mid quarter 3** |
| **Unit 7: Understand and Apply Pythagorean Theorem** | **End of quarter 3** |
| **Unit 8: Solve Problems Involving Surface Area and Volume** | **Beginning to mid quarter 4** |
| **Review for FSA** | **Mid quarter 4 to end of quarter 4** |

**Homework:**  Homework will be given 2-4 times a week. They will be told in class and it will be posted on my website at [**https://mtwilbanks.weebly.com**](https://mtwilbanks.weebly.com/) what homework assignments are assigned. All homework from Monday through Thursday will be due that FRIDAY. Homework is graded on effort/completion and not on accuracy. Because of this, I encourage all students to attempt every problem even if they are not 100% sure on how to do it. Questions on homework will be taken the day after it is given. Students may be given a homework quiz or may be asked questions to see if they had truly attempted the assignment and asked questions the following day.

**Grading Policies:**

Students will be graded on the following categories.

1. **Homework (10%)**: Each homework given will worth a maximum of 15 points. Homework assignments are always due on a Friday, unless specified otherwise by the teacher. I will accept late assignments the following week for up to 5 days. Each day late the assignment will be penalized 10%.
2. **In Class Assignments (30%)**: Any in-class activity will be graded. It may be graded on participation or accuracy and will be worth anywhere between 5 and 20 points depending on the length and complexity of the assignment. There is no late grade for this category.
3. **Tests/Quizzes (40%)**: Tests and quizzes will be announced, displayed on my weebly website and will be communicated through “Remind” if you sign up. Quizzes range from 10 to 75 points and Tests are usually around 100 points. As long as tests/quizzes are made up within 1 week of when it was given/student returns to class, there will be no penalty. The student’s absence MUST BE EXCUSED.
4. **Character/ Participation (20%)**: Each week the student will be given 20 points based on this category. If a student displays negative behavior (talking when the teacher is talking, making a comment that is offensive to another student or teacher, not working on in-class assignments when told to do so, choosing to do something that negatively impacts the class, tardiness etc), this grade will be lowered by one point after each offense.

**District Grading Scale:**

(4.0gpa) A= 90-100%, (3.0gpa) B= 80-89%, (2.0gpa) C=70-79%, (1.0gpa) D=60-69% and F=0-59%

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Cheating/copying or any other academic dishonesty will result in a call home and a zero in the gradebook.

**Mandatory Materials**:

* Pencils
* Highlighter(s)
* Ruler
* Graphing and loose-leaf paper
* Markers
* 3 three-prong folders with pockets
* 2 spiral notebooks
* Glue stick.

Optional, but greatly appreciated: Disinfecting wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer, copy paper

**Classroom Rules:**

**In my class:** Be present, prepared, on time, kind to peers and engaged.

**Consequences in my class**: 1. Verbal Warning 2. Last verbal warning with parent contact/ seat change 3. Discipline action (referral with removal from room, lunch detention etc.)

**Classroom Procedures:**

1. You must have your name, period and assignment title (ex. pg24 ) on every loose-leaf paper assignment you submit if you want credit. Please put these headings in the upper right corner of your paper. Your name and period must be on every worksheet you submit if you want credit.
2. Work must be turned in directly to the teacher or to the BLACK trays on the table by the front door. Please put your papers in the correct tray for your class. Trays are labeled with classes.
3. Hall passes: You are allowed 5 passes per quarter. These passes could be used to see another teacher quickly, going to the restroom or any other action where you must leave the classroom. To leave the classroom, you must find your index card in the index card box, fill it out (where you are going, time, date) and must bring it to me (your teacher) to sign. Once I sign the pass, you may take your index card AND lanyard with you to your designated location. When you get back, please put your index card back in the index card box in the appropriate section. IF YOU LOSE YOUR INDEX CARD, YOU ARE LEFT WITH NO PASSES FOR THE REST OF THE QUARTER. If your child has a medical condition that requires you to have more passes, please get me a doctor’s explaining the situation and I will be happy to accommodate.

**Textbooks:**  You will be using printed notes packets or Pearson consumable books. You will need your notes packets/books daily.

**Middle School Procedures:**

1. ***Technology:*** Under NO circumstances will a student be allowed to change their usernames or passwords from what was given to them by the school. NO downloading of any type is allowed on the computers, unless told to do so by a teacher. These devices are NOT for personal use. This means there will be NO use of messenger, Facebook, Snapchat or any other social media on the computers. Devices are for educational use ONLY.
2. ***Beginning of school***: If you buy or receive breakfast from the cafeteria, you MUST go BEFORE the beginning of homeroom. We recommend this being your first stop once on campus. Once in homeroom, you will NOT be allowed to get your breakfast and return.
3. ***Transitioning between classes***: All students must exit a room before the next class enters. Students MUST stand to the side of the hall and line up against the wall in order to enter their next class. Their teacher will give direction on when they are allowed to enter. Once students enter their classroom, they MUST go straight to their seat and begin their opener or take out materials needed for the day.
4. ***Tardiness:*** A student MUST be in class and in their seats when class begins. The teacher will close the door once class has started. If a student arrives AFTER the door is closed, they MUST have a pass from another teacher to enter. If their tardiness is NOT excused, they must enter the classroom quietly and begin the activity being done at that time. An unexcused tardy will result in points being taken off from their character/participation grade.
5. ***No cell phone use:*** Cell phones must be off/silent and away in back packs at all times. If a student is found with a cell phone in their pocket or on their person, the cell phone will be taken and held by the teacher for the day. Repeated offenses will result in the cell phone being placed in the front office where a parent/guardian can pick it up.

THIS NEXT TASK IS WORTH A GRADE!!

You must do the following for your child to earn 10 points for this assignment:

1. Please email me: [wilbanksm@platoacademy.net](mailto:wilbanksm@platoacademy.net)
2. In the subject line: Your childs name and class (John Smith, Algebra 1)
3. In the body of the message: Please state that YOU and YOUR CHILD read and understand what is required for this class. (My child and I read and understand the syllabus.)
4. State any concerns/comments you may have. I’ll be happy to answer any questions.
5. IMPORTANT!!! Please provide me with YOUR full name and contact email and phone number.
   1. Email is the easiest way for me to keep in contact with you. Having your current email is so very important to keeping open communication!