



Greet your tablemates and tell them how the school year has been going so far. Also share one hope for your SMS Spartan this year.

Welcome to Back to School Night

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7th Grade Math & Science

About Mrs. Rodriguez

Married, 3 boys, 1 dog

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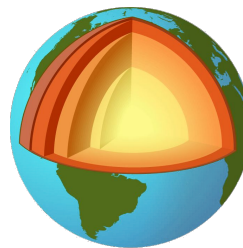
Passion for social justice and equity

Favorite color is black, drinks too
much coffee, loves chili mango

Derek (17) just shipped out to Oklahoma for Army boot camp. Sawyer (4) is starting his last year of preschool and is adjusting to being a big brother. Bennett (13 weeks) has mastered smiling and is working on rolling over.

Science Curriculum

- Next Generation Science Standards
 - Full implementation
- Units:
 - Earth Systems
 - Properties of Matter
 - Elements & Compounds
 - Physical & Chemical Changes
 - Respiration & Photosynthesis
 - Ecology
 - Natural Resources
- Family Life & Sexual Health



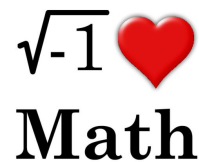
Family Life Update

Sunnyvale District is currently updating their Family Life curriculum. In October, a panel of teachers, parents, and district personnel will be meeting with three curriculum agencies. Those agencies are:

- Health Connected-Teen Talk <https://www.health-connected.org/>
- Cardea Services-<http://www.cardeaservices.org/> The Three R's (Rights, Responsibility and Respect) <https://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum> Positive Prevention Plus <https://www.positivepreventionplus.com/>
- Planned Parenthood-PPMM Educator Instruction <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/for-educators>

We are planning on adopting a new curriculum by the end of 2019.

Math Curriculum



- 1 Math Notebook
 - All homework is glued into the notebook
 - Most worksheets are glued into the notebook
- 1-2 days notice for end of unit assessments
 - Study guide provided
 - Retakes anytime within the trimester that the assessment was given
- Emphasis on understanding the *why* of math in addition to the *how*
 - Focusing on writing and modeling in math

Yearbook BIG Ideas

- DEADLINES
- Writing copy
- Photography
- Team work
- Creativity
- Media Literacy



Classroom Expectations



Respect - treat each other and ourselves with respect

Responsibility - accept consequences of our actions and take ownership of our education

Right choices - come to school prepared and be honest

Standards Based Grading

Score

Meaning

Anything less than a 4 is not considered “passing.”

5

Advanced

3.5 and below on a test should be a retake!

4

Proficient

3

Basic

2

Approaching

1

Below

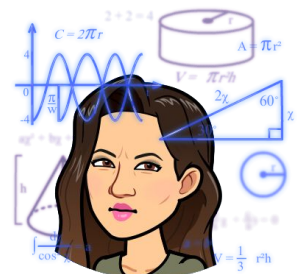
Homework

Math

- Expect homework 2-3 times a week
- Late HW is accepted as long as it is within the 4 weeks captured on the HW stamp sheet
- HW is graded on effort.

Science

- Rarely.



Absences

If your student is absent, they have a file where all of the missed handouts will be.

It is ***their*** job to ask a table mate or me about what they missed upon returning.



THANKS



Questions/Comments?

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