Coach Palmer: Geometry

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Dear Geometry Students,

Welcome! I have been looking forward to this school year, and I am excited to work with all of you. This will be a challenging year, but I am confident that with a little hard work and determination by all of us, we will be successful. I want you to know I am ALWAYS available and willing to help if you are ever struggling. My goal is to work with you in an effective manner that will produce maximum results and success for everyone.

Grading Policy:

1. Assessment= Major Grades (tests, major projects, HW Packets, AVID notebook): 50%

2. Practice= Daily Grades (homework, quizzes, classwork, etc): 50%

Daily Supplies:

* Pencils!!! Pencils are an absolute necessity for each day in this classroom. You will not be permitted to use a pen or any other writing utensil. You will be required to have a binder and pencil bag for AVID, and I expect you to keep this with you at all times and keep a pencil in that pencil bag.

Calculators:

* Each student will be issued a calculator for use **in school**. Each student will be assigned a number and will be responsible for their calculator throughout the year. They will be shared among classes, so it is very important that you let me know as soon as possible if you notice a problem with the calculator issued to you. Any damages will be assumed as your responsibility unless you notify me in advance.

Class Rules:

1. I will enforce ALL Fort Bend ISD rules.

2. Cell phones/iPods/Electronic Devices of any kind should NOT be in use or visible at any time. If I see you with one, it will become mine and remain mine at my discretion.

3. Food is NOT allowed. Bottled water is the only drink you may have in my class.

Class Procedures:

1. Please take care of all restroom needs **before** entering my classroom, you will not be permitted to use the restroom the first 10 minutes or the last 10 minutes of the class.

2. Enter the classroom, grab Cornell notes or activity for the day; then go directly to the “Calculator Station” to grab the corresponding calculator for your desk.

3. If we are writing Cornell notes, fill out the top section of your Cornell notes with your pencil *(everything else should remain under your desk unless instructed otherwise)*

4. If we are working on or checking our HW Packet, your HW Packet and pencil should be on your desk *(everything else should remain under your desk unless instructed otherwise)*

5. Once we have completed the startup activity, we will proceed to our tasks to obtain our daily goal.

6. After we have finished our work for the day, I will let you know when it is **acceptable** to return your calculator to the “Calculator Station”

7. The bell does not dismiss you, I do, and I will not dismiss you until you have returned your calculator, you are seated, and quiet.

If you are absent:

* If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to get done what needs to get done and to **get help** when you need it. You ARE responsible for knowing any material that we cover while you are gone. I will be happy to help you with it, but you must ask.
* A student is required to make up all assignments missed while absent.
* There are no make-up quizzes. If you are absent on the day of a quiz, whatever you make on your test will replace the missing grade. **The quiz grade will remain a zero until the day of the next test.**
* If you are absent the day of a test *(but had been present until that day),* you will take the test during class on the day you get back. You will have the number of days missed to make up the test. Any tests not completed by that time will receive a grade of **zero**.
* If you are absent the day before a test when no new materials were covered, you will take the test as scheduled.

Reassessment/ Corrections:

I offer students an opportunity to show that they have mastered objectives that they previously failed by allowing for assessment corrections as well as retesting. Retesting **WILL** require you to come in before school during my tutorial time. It is your responsibility to approach me about corrections or retesting.

Homework/ Classwork:

At the beginning of each unit you will receive a HW Packet, which is an assignment packet that outlines the entire unit. Most homework/warmup assignments will be in this packet. If assigned as homework, it will be due the day after it is assigned. Portions of the HW Packet may be used as a warmup and taken as a daily grade, may sometimes be used as a quiz grade after instruction *(at teacher’s discretion)*, but it **WILL ALWAYS** be turned in at the end of each unit as a major grade. There will be other assignments throughout the unit that we will begin in class and you will need to finish for homework. Those assignments will be graded as previously stated. All homework can be used to study for the Unit tests. There will also be daily and major grades over the Math section of your AVID Notebook, so please be sure to keep what is instructed to keep.

Late Work:

Late work will be graded according to the Fort Bend ISD Late Work Policy. Students will be allowed to submit late assignments for **five days,** with the grade **dropping 10 points** for each day it is late**,** and after the fifth day, the grade will be recorded as a **zero** in the gradebook. Late work is a reflection of the student’s citizenship and work ethic in this class, just like any other.

*Student Signature Parent Signature Date*