

Mr. Morioka's Class

Greetings! Welcome to Spring Quarter 4 2020!

April 13, 2020

I will be using Google Classroom and Acellus online to teach this quarter.

1. **Google Classroom**

- If you have not added yourself to my google classroom please do (I sent out invites, please check SPAM folder if you did not get email): Go to google classroom and put in the class code for your class.
 - Per. 5 Math Fundamentals Class Code: ollkupn
 - Per. 6 Algebra Class Code: fy4vdsh
 - Per. 7 Math Fundamentals Class Code: bt2fxht
- I will use google classroom for announcements, our weekly pacing guide, videos, forms or other content as needed.

2. **Acellus Online**: My math classes will use Acellus online and can be found here

<https://www.acellus.com> . You should have received an email from the school with your Acellus ID and your Password. If you did not receive this email from the school, please email me (also, check in your SPAM inbox).

- Acellus Academy provides instruction online through distance education via the Acellus Learning System. Acellus, a program of the International Academy of Science, is an online learning system that has been used to provide primary instruction to millions of students in thousands of schools throughout the United States
- This program is self-paced, but please follow the pacing guide we created. Students complete lessons in a unit first and then take a final assessment. If they pass the assessment, they advance to the next unit. If students do not pass the assessment, the program sends them back to the lessons that covered the standards they missed.
- Each Lesson in Acellus has a video and problem set associated with the teaching video. If you struggle on assignment, Acellus also has videos tied to individual problems. *Be sure to communicate with me any struggles or understandings that you need clarified.*

3. **Pacing Guide**: Please use the pacing guide as a marker of when you are ahead or behind in the class. I will send out the weekly plan on Sunday night. I will be available to help you during normal school hours and evenings with a focus on that week's lessons.

4. **Google Meet** is a tool you could use to work together if you had questions or had questions for me. You can use video, microphone, or share your screen. I can work through a problem or a friend could.

Class Grade and Process:

1. **Assignments**-These will be called "Solving Problems" on your Pacing guide. These will be inputted into the school gradebook weekly.
2. **Unit Tests**: Each unit will have a test. This test will be weighted according to your grade level per district policy.
3. To move forward in Acellus you need to get a 70% on assignments and tests, if you receive under 70% it will take you to a help video and have you redo the assignment or test. (Don't worry, sometimes in our classrooms we work on a lesson multiple times until we get it right. It is ok to make mistakes and then fix them. That is called LEARNING.)
4. **Academic Integrity**: You are expected to do the work provided using the tools you are given. This could be Desmos calculator. However, cheating will not be tolerated and will result in no credit given (yes there are ways for us to know about cheating).

Challenges and Suggestions:

- Online learning will be new and a challenge to all of us. To make this easier, we have created a "Pacing Guide" that we will follow to make sure we cover the content for the remainder of the year. We will post the entire guide in the classwork section of your google classroom. We will also post each Sunday night for the focus for that week (using the guide). It is important that you stay current with each week so that you complete the course by the end. Students can work ahead to complete work but it is encouraged that you stay with the "class" pace, but not necessary to receive credit.
- **It is very important that when you are working to turn your cell phone off, and try to isolate distractions as this is your 'new classroom.' You should take notes and work along with videos.**
- Each lesson has a video of a teacher teaching the example and then problems associated with the teaching video. You have to watch the video to do the problems. Once you watch the video and try the problems, if you struggle, there are additional videos you can watch depending on the problem you are on. At every point, you can pause, rewind, and take notes.
- **It is important that you are following the weekly lesson plans, get answers to any questions or problems that you have with the content and are communicating with me.** I will be monitoring progress, emailing, and answering any questions that you have. I will also periodically post questions, responses, videos, activities, announcements, ect that you will be required to take part in, if needed.
- Parents, you can monitor your student's progress on Acellus using their sign on information.