

August 22, 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 school year! I am very excited to have the opportunity to teach your son or daughter in this class. This is my ninth year teaching math at Fremd. I believe it is important to teach my students responsibility and accountability. I assign homework almost daily and will give the students a calendar for each chapter with all the assignments, quizzes, and the chapter test date. I expect students to put in a good effort during homework completion to practice new skills and also to find out what they don't understand. I grade homework based on completion and effort and record its completion on the student's assignment schedule. I encourage you to check this calendar periodically for my initials to ensure your student is completing homework. I also maintain an online grade book and update it regularly. Do not worry if you don't see regular homework grades entered online. I enter one grade for each chapter at the end of the unit. If you feel there are any errors in grades, please have your student contact me in class or send me an email.

There are times when students are absent due to illness, field trips, or other reasons. In the event of an absence, students can look on my webpage and see the class notes the students took that day. I post all notes online as well as blank copies and answer keys to worksheets. I hope the students will realize what a great resource my webpage is and how much information is available on there to help them in the event of an absence or poor notes. My website is:

<http://www.fhs.d211.org/departments/math/sdenna/index.html>

Communication between the parents and the teacher is very important to help the students meet their educational goals. Occasionally I will want to contact you to discuss your son or daughter's progress. I am not in the office very often and do not have personal voice mail. For this reason, email is often a great way for us to communicate. My email address is: [sdenna@d211.org](mailto:sdenna@d211.org). Please fill out the attached sheet and have your son/daughter return it to me. This is their first assignment of the year and is due on Friday, August 26, 2011.

Thank you and I hope we will have a great year together!

Sincerely,



Shannon Denna

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year in school:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's preferred method of contact: (email, home, work, or cell?)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any concerns you have about this class or your son/daughter I should know about?**

**What have your son/daughter's previous math experiences been like?**

**Thank you!**