

## 2018 - 2019 High Ability Learners Math – Mrs. Miller

Welcome to the HAL classroom! I look forward to working with your child and helping each one achieve his/her goals.

**Once you have read this general information, please sign and return the permission form at the end of the page.**

**Please be advised that any placement in the HAL classroom is always provisional.** If a student is placed in the program this school year, it does not guarantee the same placement for the next school year. Since student progress is continuously monitored, there could also be a change during the school year.

Communication: Please make me the first person you contact if you have any questions or concerns. Clear communication is an integral part of the success in the classroom, so please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason. You may contact me by e-mail or leave a message in the office.

Grading Policy: All HAL math classes use a scale of 40% for homework, 10% for Simple Solutions, and 50% for tests or other forms of assessment. We are using Simple Solutions in grades 2 - 8 and each grade level has their own policy for administering the work. Students are expected to complete Simple Solutions lessons as they are assigned, and a quiz will be given after every 4 lessons. Progress reports and quarter/semester reports will be available according to the school calendar. Please use Power School to monitor your child's grades.

Homework: Because math is a progressive skill, homework is assigned every day. It is essential that homework is completed **independently** and turned in on time. Students are expected to use their assignment notebooks to record assignments. Assignments are posted daily on the HAL website. Homework grades are based on the number of problems correctly completed out of the total number of problems assigned.

Late Homework: Assignments not turned in at the beginning of class or incomplete work may be considered late. The late assignment is due at the beginning of the next class period and will be graded at 70% of the total correct points. If the assignment is not turned in by the next class, the assignment will be further reduced. **Please note that this policy may be different from the regular classroom.**

Placement: Student placement is determined through a variety of methods. In determining a student's placement in HAL, the following criteria are used: standardized tests, grade-level achievement tests, classroom performance, and teacher referral. Along with meeting the above academic requirements, students should exhibit the following behaviors: strong effort, positive and cooperative attitude, ability to work independently, and appropriate behavior. Even if a student has academic ability, he/she may be asked to return to the regular classroom if other behaviors are not satisfactory.

Re-evaluation: Participation in HAL is always provisional. Students in HAL classes will be monitored throughout the year. If any of the qualifying criteria fails to be met, the student's placement will be re-evaluated and possibly placed on a probationary status. If the student cannot make the necessary changes during the probationary period, a return to the regular classroom will occur.

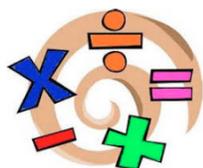
Tests/Assessments: Student knowledge will be evaluated through periodic tests or other forms of assessment. Test dates will be posted on my website in advance and students are expected to prepare for each testing opportunity.

Textbooks/Supplies: Students will be using textbooks from Sadlier-Oxford. The textbook we use is one grade level ahead of their classroom grade placement. Students may access the textbook on-line and information to login will be given to each student. Please cover all textbooks and workbooks with a paper bag. The following supplies are also needed: notebook, calculator, loose-leaf paper, assignment notebook, dry erase marker, and pencil.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs. Miller

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We have read the policies for the 2018-2019 HAL Math program and consent to the expectations and policies of the HAL classroom. We understand students are re-evaluated every quarter and that current placement in the HAL program does not guarantee future placement in the program.

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Parent Signature

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Student Signature