

Algebra I Expectations

I'm looking forward to a great year of Algebra I. I'm going to be praying for you and am here to help you get a strong grounding in Algebra. To make sure we get off to a good start, here's what I'll need from you:

1. **Be on time.** We'll start right at 9:00. We want to make the most of every minute.
2. **Be prepared.** Come to class each day with all your materials (textbook, binder, spiral notebook, homework, calculator, and a pencil). Also please use the bathroom and have a drink before class so you don't need to disrupt class by leaving in the middle.
3. **Be courageous.** Ask questions. *There are no stupid questions.* If you're not sure about something, most likely someone else has the same question. You'll be doing the whole class a favor by asking.
4. **Be responsible** and take initiative to learn. If you were to take this class in high school, you would have access to your teacher five days a week. We are together for only two days. So, you'll need to be a self-learner. As homeschooled students, I know you can do this well. I'm here to teach the most difficult concepts, give you a chance to practice with guidance, and help you with any questions you have along the way. But you'll need to read the text, do practice examples, watch the videos, and study concepts on your own as well in order to really get a strong foundation in Algebra.
5. **Be diligent.** Show your calculations. *Even if you can do a calculation in your head, show the process on paper.* I can't say enough how important this is. Showing the process cements it in your brain, helps me know how you are thinking, and builds important habits of diligence that only get more important as you progress as a student and on into life.
6. **Be encouraging** to others. We are all in class to learn. Everyone learns better in an encouraging atmosphere. If something comes easily to you, help others. Watch for ways to build others up.

Homework expectations:

- ✱ Complete the work, showing the process in writing (as you usually hear it said, "Show your work!")
- ✱ Check your work against the answers in the back of the book. Normally, I'll ask you to *complete the odd numbered problems*. Mark and correct any incorrect answers using a read pencil.
- ✱ Write the # of problems correct/the # of problems done at the top of the page and on your score page.
- ✱ Guard your scoring sheet. This gives you record of your progress, and gives your parents all they need to determine your grade.

Please would you read this, sign it, share it with your parents, have them sign it, and return it to me by Wednesday, September 7?

Thank you!

Mrs. Tang

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature: _____