**Yokosuka Middle School**

**Mr. Dale Peterson**

**Team Shiloh Math 7/8**

**2018-2019 Course Syllabus**

**Welcome to Accelerated Math!**

**Teacher:** Hello, my name is Dale Peterson and I am the math teacher for Team Shiloh. The best way to reach me is via my school email at [dale.peterson@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:dale.peterson@pac.dodea.edu). I can also be reached by phone through the MS Office at 243-5165 where you will be able to leave me a message. My classroom is room 209. I will return calls and emails as quickly as I am able. My teacher website is [http://mathfourall.weebly.com//](https://sites.google.com/a/student.dodea.edu/math/). You can find most of the class information and homework assignments there.

**Philosophy:** Though I have a great love of mathematics I know this does not hold true for all of my students. What I do expect is that all students perform to the best of their abilities. If you do not understand a concept or idea we are working on please ask questions. I can only help you if you ask. Math is a building process and you must understand each idea to move on to the next. I will find the time to help you if you need it. Whenever possible I plan on bringing in real world examples to emphasize why we all need to understand math.

**“Text” and Materials:** The Math 7/8 will include all required standards from Math 7 as well as approximately half of Math 8. This curriculum is based on the DoDEA College and Career-Ready Standards for Mathematics (CCRSMs). Students will be supplied with printed materials that are to be placed in their common school binder or in a separate binder (1” or larger). The math section within your school binder (or separate binder) should contain all class handouts, math notes, assignments (in order), notes, quizzes, and tests. Students will also need notebook paper or a spiral notebook to take class notes. All math is done in pencil so they should come to class prepared with pencils and an eraser. A colored pen will only be necessary for correcting homework.

**Standards:** The DODEA Math 7/8 standards can be found at <http://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/Mathematics/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&pageid=708773>

**Curriculum Focal Points:** This year all DODEA schools are starting the College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics. With this curriculum there are no text books. We will be covering fewer subjects. However, the subjects we cover, will be taught in greater detail with an emphasis on subject mastery. The six associated mathematical modules are listed below.

* Rational Numbers and Exponents
* Proportionality and Linear Relationships
* Introduction to Sampling and Inference
* Creating, Comparing and Analyzing Geometric Figures

**Guiding Principles:** At Yokosuka Middle School we have Dragon P.R.I.D.E. which represents the five guiding principles for our students and staff. P.R.I.D.E. stands for Preparation, Responsibility, Integrity, Diligence and Excellence. Students that hold these principles high will be recognized. At the same time, discipline is centered on not following these standards. Student expectations will be made clear to students at the start of the year. Team Shiloh’s Motto is “Making Excellence a Tradition” and we strive towards this every day. If a student fails to follow these principles subsequent consequences would include parent-student-teacher conference, teacher assigned After School Detention and then if necessary an office referral.

**My Class Expectations:** Students will come to class prepared with math materials, school binder, paper, pencil and an eraser. Students will be counted tardy if they must leave the class to get any of these items. Be responsible for your own materials. Failure to follow these expectations will result in parent emails, parent-teacher conferences and then after school detention. If incorrect behavior does not improve it could lead to an office referral.

**Be polite. Work hard. Work smart.** This means: listen, read the directions, don’t put down classmates, show your work on assignments, and finish assignments on time. Always give your best effort. Don’t give up; work together to get better!

**Assignments:** Homework assignments are given on most class days. All assignments are due the next period unless otherwise indicated.

**Grading Policy:** Your grade will be calculated from homework, quizzes, tests, math notes, projects, and participation. Homework is normally worth 10 points, quizzes 20-30 points, mid-module assessments 50points and end of module assessments 100 points. My gradebook uses total points logic and overall grades are determined by the DODEA grading scale below. Parents and students are highly encouraged to set up a Gradespeed account in order to stay aware of their mathematical progress.

**DODEA Grading Scale:** 90-100% A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

0-59% F

**Late Policy:**

Y.M.S. late work policy applies to all assignments that are to be completed outside of class time which have a due date.

➔ Students are informed of the due date during class time.

➔ Assignments not submitted on the due date may be submitted up to one calendar week after the given due date OR the date of the summative assessment over the topic/standard.

➔ During the one week grace period, students will not receive a late penalty for assignments which are submitted by the final acceptance date.

* Missing Grade (MSG) will be denoted in GradeSpeed alerting students and parents that the assignment is missing.

➔ Students who have three missing assignments will be directed to attend W.I.N. - “What I need” time.

* This is a teacher supervised opportunity for students to complete missing assignments within the grace period.
* Parent will receive notification of the W.I.N. session that their child is expected to attend.

➔ Assignments not turned in by the final acceptance date or Summative Assessment of topic/standard, will merit a grade at the teacher’s discretion.

**Extra Credit:** I do not give a lot of extra credit, but some extra credit will be available through random challenge problems and occasionally on quizzes and tests. Extra credit may help you move from a B- to a B, for example, but it will not move you from an F to a C.

**Extra Help:** Please ask for help if you need it. If you are willing to give the effort, I am willing to help you be more successful with math. I will gladly help you during Seminar (Remember to have me sign your planner.) Additionally, Dragon Academy occurs will be offered afterschool from 2:30-3:30. The specific days will be announced soon.

**Let’s have a great year learning math on Team Shiloh!**