

# MATHEMATICS

## 6th Grade

The Rancho San Justo Math Department strives to be consistent and fair in its grading policy. As such, we have adopted the following policy regarding homework, grades, extra credit and late assignments. We also have a policy about extended absences (independent study). These policies are consistent across all teachers in the department at each grade level.

### **Factors for Grading**

1. Grades will reflect student achievement toward mastery of course objectives.
2. Grades will reflect levels of achievement consistently and fairly.
3. Grades will be current and available through the electronic grading system.
4. Students making a reasonable attempt at an assignment shall receive a grade no lower than 50% on that assignment.
5. Teachers shall allow students to retake assessments at their discretion.
6. Grading is divided into two broad categories as noted. Percent's differ by grade.

	<b>Summative</b> <i>DEF: Evaluates student learning at the <u>end</u> of an instructional unit.</i>	<b>Formative</b> <i>DEF: Monitors student learning and provides <u>on-going</u> feedback to teachers and students</i>
	50%	50%
e x a m p l e s	Standards-Based Tests/Quizzes* Common Assessments Mid-terms, Semester Tests Large Projects Mastery Assessments Summary Presentations Demonstration Portfolios	<b><u>Homework</u></b> Informal quizzes** Entrance Tickets/ Exit Tickets Transitions or Warm-ups Small projects Draft re-writes, re-do assignments In-class work/Practice Student Participation Journals/Notebook checks

\* No notes allowed, limited study guides possible

\*\* Notebooks or study guides permitted

### **Requirements for Assignments**

1. Assignments **MUST** be in pencil, no exceptions.
2. No credit given for pen, markers, etc.

### **Homework and Zero Policy**

RSJ does not allow students to leave missing assignments incomplete. Administration performs a school-wide review on the 15th day of each grading period and assigns designated students lunch study hall or Friday school until work is complete.

### **Purpose of Homework**

1. **Practice and reinforce** fundamental skills to meet course objectives
2. Aid in processing needed information to demonstrate mastery
3. Develop regular study habits, responsibility, and self-discipline

### **Late Work/Make up work**

**Late work due to absences is given full credit when turned in promptly upon return to school.** Math teachers will accept late work but it receives a significantly lower percent to reflect lack of effort and untimely completion. Please speak to your child's teacher directly about his/her policy.

### **Extra Credit**

Extra credit is available on a limited basis only after a student completes ALL missing assignments. Extra Credit will be relevant to current content and could include worksheets, on-line quizzes, posters or presentations. Students must demonstrate 80% mastery to receive points. Extra Credit can only raise a student's overall grade one level.

### **Independent Study Contracts**

When a student leaves for an extended period of time, he or she misses key instructional time and interaction with their teacher. As such, the RSJ Math Department HIGHLY discourages long absences. It is each student's responsibility to communicate well in advance of departure, submit an independent study contract, and complete all assigned work. Teachers grade students based on their completion of all material. All assigned work is current content paced in-step with class curriculum.

## **SCIENCE 6th Grade**

### **COURSE CONTENT**

In sixth grade students focus on the earth sciences. In this course students will be involved in the study of Earth's structures and plate tectonics, shaping Earth's surface, energy inside Earth, and ecology.

## **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

Students are expected to be in their seats, with their materials out and ready to begin before bell rings. They are expected to participate in all class activities and to behave in a manner that enables them and their fellow students to do their best. If absent, a student must make up the required work as quickly as possible so as not to fall behind.

Students that would like extra help, or who are behind because of absences, are welcome to pre-arrange a time to come at lunch for additional assistance.

## **GRADING POLICY**

During each grading period students will receive points for completed and properly submitted work. 50% of the Science grade will be based on class work. The remaining 50% will be based on assessments. The letter grade is a percentage of the points possible:

90% = A

70% = C

less than 60% = F

80% = B

60% = D

## **ABSENCES AND TARDIES**

It is the student's responsibility to see his/her teacher to make up any missing assignments when absent. For full credit, all missing assignments due to absences need to be turned in within a week of the student returning to school. Any absences lasting more than a week will be handled on a case by case basis. If a student is tardy, he/she is responsible for completing all the work on time.

## **LATE WORK**

All (unexcused) late work will be accepted for reduced credit. All late work is due no later than one week before the end of the grading period - sooner is better!

## **EXTRA CREDIT**

Although extra credit will not be offered, many opportunities to improve a grade are offered by each teacher.