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Dear Math Parents,

Thank you for your responses to my newsletter last week. I have received many email requests and set up my Math Newsgroup last week to begin sending homework emails. If you are not receiving homework emails but would like to, please send me an email at jhansen@suhsd.net.

We spent the first week of math going through some of the review chapters of the book and setting up procedures for doing homework. I have asked them all to get a supply of graph paper for homework. They should fold the paper in half vertically and do their homework in **two** columns working down the left column first. Numbers should be written neatly inside the graph squares, and they should skip a line between each problem. When there is no room in the left column, they should move to the right column. They may also use the back of the page. All work must be shown or the problem will be marked wrong.

Other procedures I have been working on in class:

- Full name, date, and problem set # should be neatly written in 3 lines in the upper right hand corner of the paper.
- Answers to story problems must be labeled to answer the question (i.e. 30 apples).
- If the answer should be in dollars, the problem will be wrong if the \$ sign is missing.
- Numbers written in words must be spelled correctly.
- If it is difficult to read an answer, it will be marked wrong.

I sent home the first Weekly Math Report this week. You will receive a report like this each Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.) The report should have work attached, and any missing or incomplete work for the previous week will be listed. Missing or incomplete work should be completed by Friday for half credit. Some credit is always better than a zero!

Homework assignments will be graded and returned to your child to correct, so most nights they should have a page to correct in addition to their regular assignment. If I have not received the corrected assignments, they will also be listed as missing on the student's Weekly Report. Encourage your child to work carefully on homework assignments. Since they have to correct problems they miss, it might help to reduce the amount of math homework they will have to do each day. I will change the grade for any assignment turned in **on time** with **all** missed problems corrected

Please check over the work that is attached to the Weekly Report. This will be a good indication of how your child is doing in math. If all work has been turned in and work is complete and neatly done, be sure to commend your child for his or her efforts. If assignments are missing or work is messy, discuss the importance of organization and neatness. If your child insists that work indicated as missing was turned in, we have a *Lost and Found* box in our classroom for papers without a name.

Please feel free to email or stop by after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,