

Hello Students and Parents,

I wanted to take a minute to explain the middle school math Practice Work procedures. Let me start by saying math practice is very important for two reasons. First, it reinforces the skills taught in class. Secondly, it gives the parents an opportunity to be actively involved in their children's education and growth.

In class, you will be given demonstrations, math rules and strategies on successfully undertaking math concepts. You are expected to take notes in your spiral notebook. These notes should guide you through your practice work. You are required to record the coursework in your planner. Teachers and parents sign planners daily to insure productivity. These planner checks confirm that you are learning to responsibly organize yourself.

You will be held accountable for completing a practice assignment every day, except on text/quiz days or Fridays. I acknowledge and respect that everyone is different, and so students have three choices when doing their practice work. It is your responsibility to complete and return practice work with the St. Charles Heading the next day at the beginning of math class.

1. Practice book: Complete all problems selected in class.
2. Textbook: The copy given to you can stay at your home until the end of the year. Work out problems designated in class from the "exercise" section for that day's lesson. You must show your work for credit.
3. E-workbook: This is found on [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com). Find the book you are working from. Go to Practice, Practice, Practice, and then eworkbok. Find the day's lesson, and complete all the problems (you may use scratch paper), click the check button. After the program has graded your work, print 4 pages per sheet of paper (in the print menu under properties). This will earn one bonus point for "being green" by saving paper.

Two out of the weekly Practice Work assignments will be randomly chosen for a grade at the end of the week. However, I do want to point out that practice work is a big part of what we understand and retain so please take it seriously by **returning it the very next day with your name on it**. I also recommend that you have a place in the home where you can concentrate on assignments. This will help develop good study habits.

In the event that you cannot complete an assignment, you will be given two chances a trimester to complete work for full credit. Fill out a MIA form, sign it, have your parents sign it, and staple it to the completed work within 24 hours. Thereafter, late assignment will be deducted 10 points before grading.

Also, I will staple a MIA form to any assignment that earned less than 70%. I expect you to sign it, have your parents sign it, correct, and return the problems you missed. Do these "correct and returns" on a loose leaf piece of paper that has a title and the St. Charles Heading on it. Staple it to the original practice work and the MIA form before you turn it in. Thank you for your cooperation. I am looking forward to working with you this year.

God Bless You,

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