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Class Syllabus: Math 3, Singapore Math 8, Pre-Algebra

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| John Adams Academy Vision StatementThe John Adams Academies are restoring America’s heritage by developing servant-leaders who are keepers and defenders of the principles of freedom for which our Founding Fathers pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. |
| Singapore Math 8Singapore Math 8 (Pre-Algebra) is designed to empower and prepare our scholars for Algebra 1. It utilizes different approaches for presenting concepts to facilitate understanding and internalization of these concepts by scholars and to instill in them an interest to explore the topics further. |
| Course Objectives* Exponents and Scientific Notation
* Linear Equations in Two Variables
* Expansion and Factorization of Algebraic Expressions
* Quadratic Factorization and Equations
* Simple Algebraic Fractions
* Congruence and Similarity
* Parallel Lines and Angles in Triangles and Polygons
* Graphs of Linear and Quadratic Functions
* Graphs in Practical Situations
* Pythagorean Theorem
* Coordinate Geometry
* Mensuration of Pyramids, Cylinders, Cones, and Spheres
* Data Analysis
* Quadratic Equations in More Depth
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| Mathematics Course StandardsThe California Common Core Mathematic Standards can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov> |
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| Instructional Material/supplies* Dimensions Singapore Math 8a and 8b Workbooks
* Pens: blue, red, and black
* Highlighters
* 8 ½ by 11 college-ruled binder paper
* ¼ graph paper
* Pencils
* Erasers
* Compass
* Protractor
* Ruler
* No Scientific Calculators Will Be Used
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| Classroom Conduct and ExpectationsIn order to be successful in this class a scholar will need to be responsible, have good attendance and have good study habits.1) What it means to be responsible:* Bring all required instructional material to class every day.
* Doing your homework and attaching it in pdf form to the google classroom assignment folder.
* Being at class on time. *(0.5 to 5 minutes late is a tardy to class. 30 or more minutes late is an absence.)*

2) What it means to have good attendance:* Come to school every day. *(There will be days when you are sick or can’t come to school for other reasons and that’s understandable. The daily Homework will be posted on my page in my google classroom and on my website* [*https://msbillerbeck.weebly.com/*](https://msbillerbeck.weebly.com/) *. Please make up any missed assessments due to an excused absence within 1 week of scholar’s return to school for his/her benefit in learning.)*

3) What it means to have good study habits:* Being active in class. *(Paying attention, being ready when called upon and only then turn microphone on, turning microphone off at all other times and video on at all times during class, asking questions using chat, keeping chat on topic---no private chat amongst scholars, private messaging teacher answers, and being on task.)*
* Doing your homework.
* Coming in and getting help after school. *(I will usually be available for tutoring help after school Monday – Thursday until 4:00 with a few exceptions.)*

Every scholar has the right to a safe, welcoming environment in which to learn. This means that I require scholar to be respectful. Respectful to each other, to the faculty, to staff and to the school. I expect every scholar to follow the school rules and guidelines as stated in the John Adams Academy handbook. |
| AssignmentsScholars should expect to spend 30 minutes to an hour every weeknight on homework. I strongly encourage the scholar to develop a regular study time and place. There will be times when the scholar will not have homework; this time should be spent on organizing and reviewing their notes and instructional materials. A list of the assignments can be found in my google classroom and on my website at <https://msbillerbeck.weebly.com/> . I strongly encourage parents to review the weekly calendars with their scholar so that they can build a study plan for the week.In order for a scholar to receive full credit on an assignment:* The work must be complete, correct, in pencil, and *legible.*
* The scholar’s assignment needs to be formatted per the attached example.
* The scholar must attach the homework in pdf form to the google classroom assignment folder.
* Scholars who miss 4 homework assignments will have scheduled time with me.

Note: While I encourage students to work on their homework together, I expect individual work. Since the answers are in the back of the workbook, only homework including work details will be acceptable. No cheating or copying will be tolerated on any work.  |
| QuizThe Scholar’s will have one to two quizzes per unit throughout the year. These quizzes will be based off of the Scholar’s classwork and homework. In addition, there will be one group quiz at the end of each chapter. |
| TestsThere will be one cumulative individual test per chapter in the textbook.  |
| Make-up work* Absent students will receive full credit for any make-up work completed within the allowed time. It is the policy of John Adams Academy that a scholar has two days to complete missed work for each day absent.
* If a scholar knows that they are going to be gone it is strongly encouraged that the scholar comes and gets the homework ahead of time from the teacher. The grace period will still be honored if the student receives the work head of time. This will provide the scholar with a better opportunity of not falling behind while they are gone.
* If the scholar misses a test or quiz they have one week to make it up once they return. Tests and quizzes cannot be given ahead of time.
* Assignments that are due the day of the absence will be due the second day back.
* If the scholar is planning on being gone two or more days, an independent study contract must be obtained by the scholar and brought to the teacher at least two days before the scholar leaves. The assignments will be due the second day back. More time will not be given.
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| Late workAny work that is not cleared by an excused absence will be considered late. Late work will only be accepted until the final. Remember, the work is for you to learn. Invest in the work, and you invest in yourself! Credit may be deducted for late work. |
| Extra CreditThe teacher may offer extra credit on occasion, but scholars and parents should not expect to replace missing regular credit or late work. Extra Credit will not be given on request. |
| Grading PolicyI have a weighted grading structure that puts a high value on assessments, homework, and participation. It is extremely important that the scholar is an active participant during class, completes their homework, and practices good study habits in order to do well on tests or quizzes. It is highly recommended that both the scholar and the parent monitor the scholar’s grades closely online through the Academy website. Grades will be kept as current as possible. If there are any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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| **Weighted Grading Structure**

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| **Category** | **Percent** |
| Tests | 30% |
| Quizzes/Projects | 15% |
| Homework | 20% |
| Final | 15% |
| Participation | 20% |

 | **Standard Grading Percentage**

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| **Grade** | **Percent** |
| A | 89.5% - 100% |
| B | 79.5% - 89.4% |
| C | 69.5% - 79.4% |
| D | 59.5% - 69.4% |
| F | Below 59.5% |

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| Additional InformationI encourage both scholars and parents to contact me with any concerns or questions. I look forward to working with both the scholar and the parent to help prepare the scholar for their future. I am always happy to provide feedback on how a scholar is performing. I also reserve the right to modify any portion of this syllabus at any time. If the syllabus is modified both the scholar and the parent will be notified. Thank you, Ms. Billerbeck |

**FORMAT FOR HOMEWORK**

John Adams

11/11/07

Group #

Per 6

Asst #15: 2-1 through 2-10

1. Let n = a number

 Given n + n2 = 30

 n + n2 – 30= 0

 (n + 6)(n – 5) = 0

 n + 6 = 0 or n – 5 = 0

 n = – 6 or n = 5

2.

3.

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6.

7.

Write down the assignment here

Include the following:

* Assignment Number!!!
* Problem numbers

Securely staple all pages together in the correct order according to the way the problems are numbered.

Write your:

* Full name
* Due Date
* Group Number
* Period

* Work down the page in columns NOT across the page in rows.
* Show every step clearly.
* Clearly Box your answers.
* Work problems in numerical order.
* Put some spacing between each problem.

 Draw all graphs on graph paper!

You may write on both sides.

It took Alex 7.25 hours to finish the homework assignment.

FOR WORD PROBLEMS YOUR ANSWER MUST BE WRITTEN IN A COMPLETE SENTENCE!

(decimals are allowed)

Dear Scholar and Parent,

Once you have read and understand the class syllabus. Please fill in, take a picture, and return this page to Ms. Billerbeck in my google classroom in the syllabus assignment folder.

Thank you,

 Ms. Billerbeck

We have read and understand the information in the class syllabus.

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| Student Name | Student Signature | Student Email Address |
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| Parent/Guardian’s name | Parent/Guardian’s Signature | Parent/Guardian’s Email Address |
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| Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number(Best one to reach you) | Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number(Alternate) | Best Time to call |
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**Student Survey**

*Please fill out the following questions to the best of your ability.*

What was your past mathematical experience like? Circle one below

 Great Good Okay Bad Traumatic

Explain:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you study for your math tests and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are your expectations for this class?

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My two mathematical weaknesses are 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List your hobbies, interests and/or sports you are involved in:

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My favorite quote is: \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite book? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is one thing that you are proud of or that is interesting about you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What else do you think I should know about you?