Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another school year. I am looking forward to a great school year and promise to treat your child the way I would want a teacher to treat one of my own, with respect and fairness. If you ever have concerns, please let me know immediately by leaving a message at school for me to call, at 982-0468, or send me an e-mail at joberrym@ksbe.edu.

My goal, as a math teacher, is to help your child to develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills through applications in the various math concepts we will be covering. I will implement a variety of tools for assessing your child’s progress in my class such as, homework, class work, problem-solving activities, projects, mathematical investigations, tests, and quizzes. Your child should have a tablet to keep his/her notes and a folder to keep homework, worksheets, and any loose papers they need for class. Please help your child to keep organized by keeping all math related materials together. By the time your child leaves this 7th grade class, I want him/her to have their basic math skills mastered and be able to apply these skills in various math contexts.

The students will be assigned homework regularly, which should be completed before the next class. Showing only answers and no work will result in a reduced grade. All work must be shown. They will be assigned challenging word problems, which will require them to explain their mathematical reasoning. If your child is having difficulty, please encourage him/her to come see me for help. I am available in the morning before school, at recess, or after school. If you want extra help after school, please make arrangements ahead of time to make sure I don’t have any prior commitments. There will be tests and quizzes on which they are allowed to use their notes. If your child is absent, it is his/her kuleana to get the notes either from myself or another student.

I hope to cover the following content areas:
- Decimals and Integers
- Exponents, Factors, and Fractions
- Equations and Inequalities
- Ratios, Rates, Proportions and Probability
- Percents
- Geometry and Measurement
- Displaying and Analyzing Data (time permitting)
Late assignments and/or projects (not due to illness) will be given a reduced score. Incomplete assignments will not be accepted. All work must be completed before term grades will be issued.

Attached are my class rules. I will let you know, either by e-mail or phone, if your child is having difficulty adhering to these rules. If there is no improvement, the next step will be a referral either to Mrs. Moran, our counselor, or Mr. DeSa. Please go over the discipline guidelines in your Student and Parent Handbook. I am sure with your support we can all have a great year.

Sincerely,

Joanne Berryman