

# Royal Oak Middle School

## 6R Math

The Royal Oak Middle School mission is to ensure excellence in learning for all in a supportive environment.



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### A note from Mrs. Landis

#### Organizational Skills

Keeping an updated daily school planner is an important skill. Here at the Royal Oak School District we use planners from first through twelfth grades. Its look changes but its purpose remains the same. The planner, provided by the district for each student, is intended to help the student stay organized.

At ROMS some teachers stamp the planner with a “missing entry” stamp while others, like myself, write each planner entry in a planner and display it on the Elmo projector screen every day. I also make the planner entry on our classroom website calendar daily. This same information is available for students and parents from any home computer. If a student is absent, it is the student’s responsibility to request my planner and make the necessary entry as well as pick up the missing assignment.

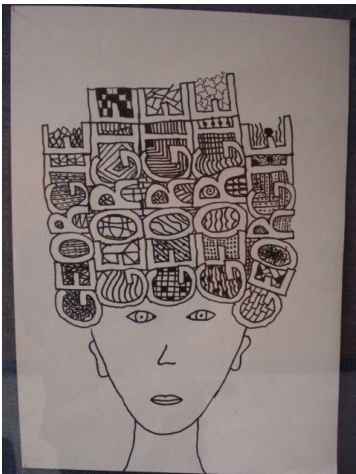
#### Quality Math Work

I expect quality work from every student in our classroom. The work not only has to be completed but it has to show all the student’s calculations. “*Show Your Work*” is our class motto since the begin-

ning of the school year through the end. If the homework is less than 70% accurate, then I hand the homework back to the student with a note to redo specific problems. They receive 2 points for the less than 70% accurate work and when they redo the specified problems, I change the score to 3 points (out of 3 points that are possible).

I highly discourage students from handing in homework that is incomplete or “thrown together” 10 minutes before it is due with just answers written on the worksheet. I need to see their work. Students have five school days to turn in their homework without losing any points. This allows families to have an irregular homework schedule where there are soccer games, parent-teacher conferences, ice skating and piano lessons, and other extra curricular activities. I understand that sometimes life gets in the way of homework but I also have high expectations from all my students (and of course caring adults in their lives, because behind every successful student there are very hard working, caring adults).

### Highlights



Math students make excellent artists!



Prehistoric Cave Painting, 7th grade

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- *Parent-Teacher conferences are on Wednesday, October 28, and Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 4:00pm- 7:00pm.*
- *November 6, 2009 is the end of the 1st card marking. Please check your student’s PIV to see how they are doing. As parents, we generally do not like “surprises” on report cards.*
- *November 18-20, 2009 is the 6R class camp trip.*

Often older ROSD students are asked what they remember of their middle school experience. Their 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp trip is the one they most often talk about.