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Algebra 1 Part 2
Edna Karr High School
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Tutoring: Tuesday 3:50-4:50 pm, and by appointment.

Dear Families,

Welcome back for semester 2! My name is Amanda O'Mara, and I am very excited to be your child's **Algebra I** teacher this year -- some of you already know me, and I'm meeting some of you for the first time. **I believe that every student is capable of achieving success in math and problem-solving**, and I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the semester to ensure that we reach that goal. Below you will find important information about this class. **Please read this letter carefully and write any questions you have below your signature on the back of the last page.**

Class Summary/Goals

Summary: *Algebra I Part 2 is an important course for your student, both because of its alignment with the EOC as well as its college-level rigor and problem-solving emphasis.*

- **This course is aimed to help your child master math content that will enable them to be successful on the EOC, and to hone their problem-solving skills to ensure they make a smooth transition to high school to the next step.** We will cover introductory algebra topics such as algebraic expressions and equations, linear and exponential graphs, and quadratic equations.
- **Assessments are a mix of unit content, EOC questions, and performance tasks.** Unit tests are worth 100 points, quizzes are worth various points (depending on the number of questions), and performance tasks are counted as quizzes.
- **Students will be assigned homework 2-4 times a week**, as needed.
- **No extra time on tests, quizzes, classwork, or homework, unless your child has accommodations for extended time.**

Goals:

1. 85% mastery on all quizzes and tests OR 3% pts of growth from Quarter 3 to Quarter 4
2. Proficiency on the EOC (A score of "Good" or Excellent"), taken in May 2017

Requisite Supplies

- **(1) 3- OR 5-Subject Notebook.** Students will add to their notebooks every day, so it is imperative that all students have a notebook dedicated to this class. This notebook will stay in the classroom the majority of the time, and can be checked out with Mrs. O'Mara as needed. If you were with me in the fall, you will probably need a NEW notebook for this semester. I HIGHLY recommend a Mead Five Star notebook, if it's in your budget. The size makes it the easiest and fastest for our work.
- **Scissors, (4) glue sticks, and colored pencils.** We will be creating interactive notebooks as our learning archives, which requires students to have access both IN and OUT of class to these basic school supplies.
- **1 pack of lined paper.**

- **1 pack of pencils.** Students are required to provide their own writing utensils on a daily basis. I do not have and will not provide this most basic of school supplies.
- **1 scientific calculator: TI-30X IIS, \$13 at Wal-Mart. (See PAGE 4 for description.)** You may also purchase a TI-30XS. These are a little more expensive (usually between \$15-\$20) but will last your child all throughout high school and is an excellent investment.

Grading Policy & Scale: (CHANGED FROM FALL SEMESTER)	
POLICY:	KARR GRADING SCALE:
⇒ Classwork: 10%	A: 93 - 100%
⇒ Homework: 10%	B: 85 - 92%
⇒ Quizzes: 20%	C: 75 - 84%
⇒ Tests: 40%	D: 67 - 74%
⇒ Final: 5%	
⇒ EOC (end of course exam): 15%	

Class Rules & Consequences

Rules:	Consequences:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow directions the first time they are given. 2. Refrain from interrupting the speaker. 3. No food or drink in class (except water or Gatorade). 4. Get permission before asking a question or getting out of your seat. 5. Karr school rules: UROCK 	<p>First infraction: Warning</p> <p>Second infraction : Warning with reminder</p> <p>Third infraction : After school teacher's detention & call home</p> <p>Fourth infraction : Phone call home and referral</p> <p>Fifth infraction : Parent/teacher conference, administrator's office</p>

*Mrs. O'Mara reserves the right to skip consequences, depending on the offense.

Late Work/Makeup Policy:

- ⇒ No exit ticket makeups.
- ⇒ No assignments *due that day* will be allowed to be made up if a student chooses to skip that class period. No exceptions.
- ⇒ Quiz/test makeups unless you are absent with a parent's or doctor's note. **Tests and quizzes are to be made up the next day you are in school, after school.**
- ⇒ **No late HW allowed.** Every student's lowest 3 homework grades are automatically dropped. No late work will be accepted.
- ⇒ Quiz and test corrections are permitted if you receive below an 85% on the assessment. **All accurate corrections will receive ½ points back, earning a maximum of an 85%. All corrections must be done during tutoring hours (see above).**

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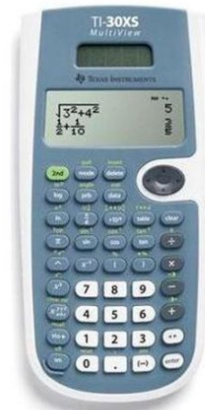
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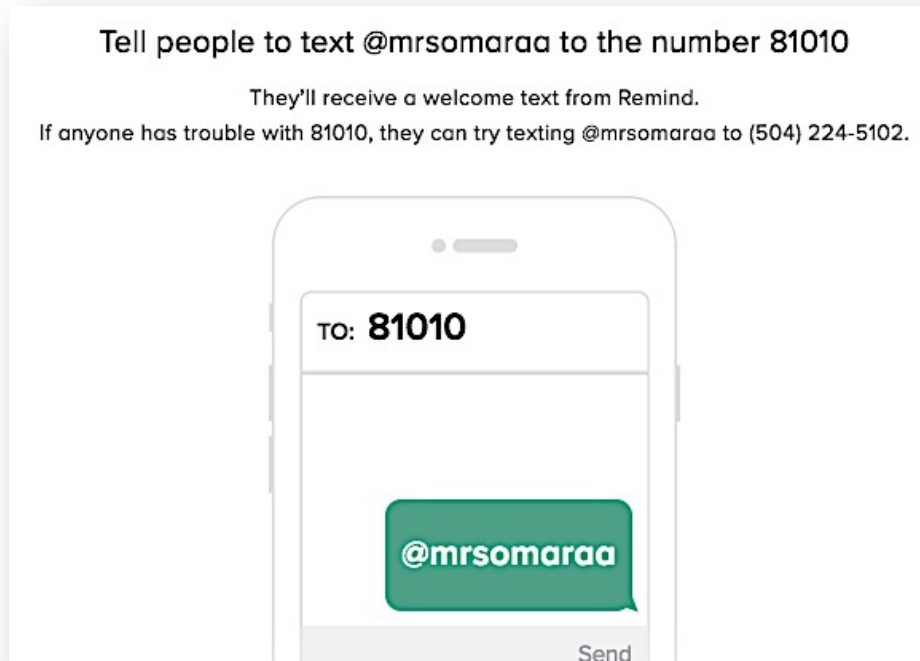


Texas Instruments 30xsmv-bk Ti-30xs Multiview Calculator (texas Instruments 30xsmv/bk)

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Please see the tab titled "Calendar" at omarakarr.weebly.com for a calendar of teaching points and test dates.

I look forward to working with you to prepare your child for success. Again, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss your child's progress during Meet The Teachers Night, 1/12, or 9th/11th grade Parent Night, 1/19.

Sincerely,
Amanda O'Mara

GUARDIAN & STUDENT SIGNATURES: DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

I, **[print student's name]** _____, have read and agreed to the above rules and expectations. I have shown my **parent/guardian,**

[print parent/guard. name] _____ the above letter.

Signature (student): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature (parent/guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

Academic Honesty:

Karr students are expected to complete all assignments and all tests/exams honestly. To ensure that all Karr students produce their own work, the following Academic Honesty Policy is enforced. For the purposes of this policy, cheating is defined as "accepting or providing work or information that is not one's own."

OFFENSE TYPE	MAJOR	MINOR
	Exam, Chapter/Unit Test, Research/Term Paper	Quiz, Classroom, Homework
1st	F on Assignment; Parent conference F on Assignment;	F on Assignment; phone call to parent
2nd	In school counseling, removal from elected office/position, unable to represent school at outside academic or leadership functions	F on Assignment; Parent/Teacher conference
3rd	F on Assignment; Saturday School	F on Assignment; In school counseling, removal from elected office/position, unable to represent school at outside academic or leadership functions
4th	F on Assignment; Suspension	F on Assignment; Saturday School
5th	F on Assignment; Suspension	F on Assignment; Suspension