

Meet Mrs. Adam



Hello! My name is Kira Adam and this will be my third year teaching 6th Grade Math at Canfield. Before this, I taught 8th Grade Math at Lakes, and prior to that, I taught for seven years at Borah Elementary. I am a huge math nerd and am thrilled that I get to talk about math all day long! What could be better? I have lived in Idaho for 14 years and have been married to my husband, Chris, for 17 years. We have two adorable sons named Cody (8) and Cameron (5) who are the center of my universe! When I'm not teaching or learning, I love spending time with my family, cooking and baking, going on walks, camping, reading books, watching TV and movies, doing jigsaw puzzles, or playing games (video, board, card, trivia, etc!).

Class Expectations

- #1: Be kind and respectful to teachers, students, and others' property.
- #2: Come to class, on time and prepared.
- #3: Follow directions, participate, and work hard.
- #4: Don't prevent teaching
- #5: Don't prevent learning.
- #6: Be honest and responsible for your actions.
- #7: Clean up your mess.



Math Books and Supplies

You will receive two Illustrative Math books that we will use throughout the school year. These books are consumable which means you will write in it, tear pages out, and keep it at the end of the year, but if you lose it, you have to pay for new ones. Bummer.

You are responsible for bringing these to class every day:

1. Pencils and an eraser
2. Folder (for only math)
3. Chromebook
4. Lined paper

Other supplies we'll use from time to time (you can borrow from me if needed):

Calculator, earbuds/headphones, EXPO marker, colored pencils, glue stick, scissors, ruler, highlighter



Communication

Email: The best way to get in touch with me is by email (kadam@cdaschools.org). I check my email several times a day and it's easy for me to quickly respond.

Call: You can call the school and leave me a voicemail. (ext. 30044)

Office Hours: Students can schedule to meet with me in the classroom during exploratory, lunch, before or after school.



Common Core Standards and Content

This year, you will learn content based on the Common Core Standards using Illustrative Math along with other resources including Desmos, IXL, Edpuzzle, tasks, videos, games, etc. Topics include ratios and rates; multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions; operations with decimals; factors and multiples; positive and negative numbers; expressions, inequalities, and equations; percents; area, surface area, and volume; measurement; graphing on a coordinate plane; data and statistics. SO FUN, right?



The Game

In my classroom, you will compete in a game throughout the school year. Research shows that Gamification in the classroom motivates students to work harder, complete and turn in work, and study more, therefore being more successful. Everything you do in our class is worth points. Players will earn these points to pass levels, move their avatar on our game board, and receive rewards. It's going to be so much fun!



Game Points

Game points will be given for:

- *Attendance and participation
- *Behavior (positive attitude, collaboration, kindness, work ethic)
- *Quizzes and class assignments
- *Class games and activities

Random game points may be given for several miscellaneous reasons. You will have access to your point total on our game's online leaderboard as well as your avatar on the classroom wall.



Homework

I do not assign work that is exclusively Homework. There will be times when classwork will be started in class and then may need to be finished at home. If you use class time wisely, you won't usually have homework. If you're absent, you will need to make-up missed assignments or quizzes during Homework House or as homework at home.

Schoology and Skyward

I plan to post all weekly planners, assignments, slides, and announcements on Schoology. CHECK OFTEN! I will occasionally send mass emails through Skyward and I will periodically sync my Schoology gradebook with Skyward's. Schoology can be a great tool if it's clear how to navigate and use it, so if you need assistance with Schoology or have a suggestion on something that would be helpful to you regarding Schoology, please ask!

Growth Mindset

There's no such thing as a "math person".
Anyone can do math and be successful.
It's the result of intention and practice.

Making mistakes is a good thing.
It actually grows your brain! If you never make a mistake, you'll never learn anything. Be prepared to mess up! A lot.

Grades

Let's
have a
great
school
year,
Canfield
Cougars!



Graded classwork is 20% of your grade and will be assigned periodically as practice for the content we're learning. Classwork is given full credit if it's complete and on-time. Quizzes are 80% of your grade and will be given at the end of each topic which will be roughly every 2-3 weeks. You can use any notes taken in class or any classwork completed to help you on quizzes. Also, you may retake a quiz ONCE to get a higher score. You may also get help from me between quizzes! Your grade is your responsibility. You should never wonder why you have a certain grade. Come to class, take notes, do the work, ask for help, pass the quizzes. Boom.

Parent Page

Please complete this page and return to me ASAP. Keep the first page!

Student's Name: _____

Period: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Is your phone number and email address in Skyward correct? When needed, how do you prefer to be contacted? _____

Please use the space below to share anything you would like me to know about your child. I strive to meet the individual needs of all my students. You are an expert about your child, and I greatly appreciate the information you can provide about their background in math, personality, things that help or motivate them to learn, or anything else you think I should know. Thank you. 😊

I have received a copy of Mrs. Adam's Syllabus for 6th Grade Math. I have read it and am responsible for knowing the information. If I have a question, a need, or a suggestion regarding the above information, I will communicate that with Mrs. Adam immediately.

Student signature

Parent signature

Date