

# Scranton Middle School

## Pre-Algebra - 7th Grade

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### Course Description:

Pre-algebra transitions students from arithmetic to higher-level mathematics. Combining algebra and geometry with problem solving, this course prepares students to use math effectively in the real world. We will be using the Pre-Algebra book from the *Big Ideas* series. This series has many resources available for students, parents and teachers' use, both in print and online.

### Materials:

- Spiral notebook (100+ pages)
- Two pocket folder
- Scientific calculator (TI30XIIS recommended)
- Pencils and erasers
- Book Cover (jumbo size)
- Colored checking pen
- Dry erase markers- optional
- Colored Pencils - optional

\* Classroom donations of *Kleenex* and *Clorox* wipes are always greatly appreciated.

\*\*A ruler, protractor, compass, colored pencils and calculator are necessary items to have in your at-home study area.

### Course Requirements:

Students are expected to come prepared to class with all materials, completed homework, and a positive attitude. Students are required to maintain a math notebook containing homework, notes and class work throughout the year. In addition to daily assignments, students will also have quizzes and tests.

## Homework:

Students will have daily homework assignments which should be done in a pre-algebra notebook. Students will have time to start assignments in class. Unfinished class work should be completed at home and is due the following day.

## Grading:

Performance tasks such as quizzes and tests will make up 80% of the final grade and practice exercises such as in class practice in the *Record and Practice Journal* and homework will make up 20%. Late homework will be accepted for partial credit, but only through completion of that chapter. Late homework will receive a maximum score of 75%. **Students will get one "Oops Assignment" per quarter. This assignment can be turned in one day late for full credit.** "Check-ins" will be used solely for the purpose of progress monitoring and student feedback throughout the unit. They will not be included in grade calculations.

## Make-Up Work

Students are responsible for obtaining and completing make-up work. See the Student Handbook for guidelines. Daily assignments are posted on the back board at the beginning of each week. Assignments are posted online on my web page under the "My Calendar" tab as well. My class web page can be accessed through the Scranton home page.

## Extra Help:

Students are encouraged to ask for extra help. I am available before and after school if you would like additional help. Please see me in advance to schedule a time to meet. A variety of resources are also available online at the Big Ideas' web site. These can be located at [www.bigideasmath.com](http://www.bigideasmath.com).

## Classroom Expectations:

- Be kind
- Be respectful - Let the teacher teach and others learn
- Be prepared
- Be on time

## What Happens Next:

- Warning
- Meeting with the student
- Parent Contact
- Office

