

Group Work Expectations

1. **Work on the problem:** No side conversations or off task behavior. The group counts on you to stay focused on the problem. Distracting behavior or off task conversations will not be tolerated. Stay with your group and add your thinking to the discussion.
2. **Engage in the problem:** You are responsible for the content that we learn in class every day. This means you must make meaning of the problems we are working on each day. You should have your math journal and you should be working on the problem in your own way. By doing this, you are able to discuss the problem & compare results with your table group, or ask questions for clarification.
3. **Ask Question:** If you have any questions, ask your group first. If the table cannot answer the question, the teacher will be around to answer your questions (please don't interrupt when the teacher is working with other groups). Remember.... "This is hard!" or "I don't get it!" are not questions. Think of specific questions to ask others to help clarify your thinking. If you leave class without asking any questions, the assumption is that you understand the concept.
4. **Be prepared:** In class, we spend a lot of time discussing problems. When you are called, be prepared to share your group's thinking. Be prepared to speak in class and answer questions about your work. The homework we do each night ties into the work we do each day, so make sure that you are also doing your best work each night on your assignments.
5. **Be aware:** Every day, we have 6-7 different groups working on the same problem in class and each group often comes up with different ways to think about the problem. You must listen to each group and compare it to your way of thinking. If it doesn't match up, it's a great time to ask questions. There are also posters, signs and student work all around the classroom that you can use as a reference. So look around!
6. **Record your work:** If it's important information that you may need later, write it down. When we do problems in class, write down your thinking and the thinking of others. Then, when you need to reference it later, you're able to go back and recall how it was done. It's best to write it down because you may need it in the future. Remember, you can use notes and your past work on quizzes and tests!
7. **Be courteous:** Be a good teammate. Remember your manners. Speak to others in a kind manner. Be nice!

I have read these expectations with my parents and agree to abide by them every day in class.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

"Struggling in mathematics is not the enemy any more than sweating is in basketball, it's a clear sign you're in the game." –Kim Sutton