About the Class
Welcome to 7th grade Accelerated Math! This will be the first time you are enrolled in an accelerated course which covers not only 7th grade material, but 8th grade topics as well. As such, you are now in a “select” population, and the pacing, demands, and expectations will be much greater than years past. Although fast moving and challenging, by the end of 7ACL math, you will be prepared to take Regents Algebra 1 (high school course) as an 8th grade student. In addition to learning more topics than traditional 7th grade math, you are doing so in less time (accelerated does not have the lab period). The 7th grade curriculum covers a great variety of mathematical concepts - including units on rational numbers, proportional relationships, geometry, statistics, probability, percent applications, as well as a great deal of algebra. In addition, we will cover 8th grade units on real numbers, exponents, non-proportional linear relationships, and the pythagorean theorem. It is vitally important that your attendance and effort in class every day are both 100%. If you are absent, be sure to check my website to access any missed notes, assignments, etc.

Classwork/Notes
After piloting the Go Math! middle school math program last year, the district made the decision to stay with the resource. The Go Math! work/textbook is a large book. As a result, you will leave it in your locker (do not bring home!), and at the beginning of each unit, you will bring it to class, remove the perforated sheets for the upcoming unit, and place them in your binder. Be sure you alway have looseleaf in your binder to use as work space. An organized binder will help you be incredibly successful!

Participation
Good class participation is an integral part of your academic success. You are expected to participate in class every day. This means arriving to class on time and getting to work right away. Students are expected to come to class every day with all class materials and to contribute to class discussions. If you put in your best effort every day, your grade will reflect it!

Grading Policy
Each marking period, a student’s quarterly average is based upon the following:
- 90% of your quarterly grade is the average of all in-class assessments (tests and quizzes).
- 10% of your quarterly average is your homework grade. Each student begins the quarter with the full 100 points. Each assignment not completed results in a 5 point deduction. All homework assignments are online through your Go Math! account, and are posted in advance at the start of each unit. You have until the end of the unit (test day) to complete all assignments, so you can work on them at your own individual pace - just be sure they are done by the due date. If you have limited Internet access at home, be sure to use the school resources (computer lab, classroom laptops, etc.) to complete assignments on your own time (before/after school, lunch, etc.).

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Materials
Binder with loose-leaf, TI-30XS MultiView Scientific Calculator, Pencils, Ruler, Inexpensive earbuds (optional)

Course Expectations and Classroom Policies
1. Arrive to class on time. If late, the student will be sent to the Attendance Office for a late pass.
2. Arrive to class prepared with supplies, write down homework assignment(s), take out any due assignments, and prepare yourself for the day’s lesson.
3. Gum, drinks and food are not allowed in class, with the exception of water (no drinks from the machine).
4. Students are encouraged to use pencils and highlighters on a daily basis.
5. Always be respectful of all others in the classroom.
6. Homework is expected to be completed daily. If a student develops a pattern of missing homework assignments, a parent/guardian will be contacted immediately.
7. Large backpacks are prohibited in the classroom due to space and safety concerns. Please either carry your binder to class, or use a string bag. If you are unable to work out a system to get to your locker, please speak to me and I will help you come up with a plan. There is always a solution.
8. Most importantly, come to class ready to learn. Do not be afraid to take risks in your classroom and ask questions. Working together, we will have an exciting and rewarding year exploring the relevance of math in everyday life.

Course Website
To access the website, visit www.levittownschools.com
- Select Salk Middle School from the schools listed on top
- Under School Resources, select Faculty and Staff
- Scroll down to the math department and select my website link. Bookmark the page for future access.
  - Course outline containing homework assignments, dates of tests and quizzes, and extra help schedule
  - Links to curriculum related websites and answers to commonly asked questions

Remind Alerts
To receive remind messages via text or the Remind app, please text the following:
  Math 7ACL: text @kind7acl to 81010

Extra Help
Extra help is offered once a week, before school, starting at 7:15am. The morning varies based upon test/quiz days and other factors such as faculty or department meetings. The schedule is always posted at least a week in advance on my website under the course outline.

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We have read and agree with all classroom policies.

Student’s Name ______________________________ Student’s Signature: ____________________________
Parent’s Name ______________________________ Parent’s Signature: ______________________________
E-mail address: _______________________________ Cell phone number: ____________________________