

# Mrs. Cottrill's

## ~ Tips for Being Successful in Math ~

~ **Be CONFIDENT!** Be positive! Get rid of all these negative thoughts, such as "math is hard", "I'm not good in math", "I'm going to fail this class". Instead you need to think:

- "I can do this"
- "I'm going to work hard and pass this class"
- "I believe in myself that I AM going to do well"

~ **Be PREPARED!** Have all required materials ready. Read over your notes, double check your homework, bring all necessary materials to class.

~ **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!** Practice extensively. Remember that Math is all about practice. Practice makes perfect! You can treat Math like a sport or learning a foreign language; more you practice, better you're going to get! Also remember that during practice, you may feel a lot of "pain", "confusion", and you may experience some "frustration." Don't worry, this is normal! Harder the practice, better the result you get...and it will all be worth it in the end!

~ **PAY ATTENTION!** While you're in class, try to forget about your troubles, don't chit-chat and try to comprehend the material.

~ **BE AN ACTIVE LEARNER!** Respectfully ask questions in class. Complete ALL your homework and practice sets. Participate in study groups or tutoring if available.

~ **TAKE NOTES!** Taking good notes is a key to success. If you get "stuck" while doing your homework, you can always go back to your notes to see how we solved the similar problems in class.

~ **LEARN GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT!** Math requires daily work and practice. Get the work or studying done in advance so you aren't cramming!!

~ **BE RESPONSIBLE!** Develop responsibility for your own success and failures. Do not place all the responsibility on me, it is YOUR education and YOUR future. You decide how important this class is to you!

