Question: Is it worth the money to buy my child a graphing calculator?

My answer: I think it would be very wise to spend the money now to buy your child a nice TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculator. They cost around $100 but go on sale at the start of school each year. Not only will we be using these calculators almost every day in class, but your child will find it very helpful on homework assignments as well. We do have a class set of these calculators, but they tend to run of our batteries or get broken very often. If you are able to buy your child one of these calculators now, he/she will also use it all throughout high school and college.

# FAQ

# Welcome Back!

**A Day:**

* Purple Class: Period 1/2 from 8:12-9:38 (Geometry)
* White Class: Period 3/4 from 9:42-11:02 (Pre-Algebra)
* Red Class: Period 5 from 11:06-11:47 (Pre-Algebra)
* Blue Class: Period 6 from 11:47-12:28 (Algebra)

**B Day:**

* Purple Class: Period 1 from 8:12-8:58 (Geometry)
* White Class: Period 2 from 8:58-9:38 (Pre-Algebra)
* Red Class: Period 3/4 from 9:42-11:02 (Pre-Algebra)
* Blue Class: Period 5/6 from 11:06-12:28 (Algebra)

# Courses and Times

**Required Daily Supplies:**

* Pencils, Notebook Paper, Binder/Spiral, Agenda

**Optional (yet encouraged) Supplies:**

* Graphing Calculator, Ruler, Colored Pencils, Markers, Scissors, Glue Stick, Protractor, Compass

# Supplies



Hello! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! My name is Mrs. Lancaster and I will be your child’s 8th grade math teacher. I look forward to getting to know you and your child this year. To get class information, please reference my website at <http://lancastertjms.wikispaces.com>. If any questions or concerns arise throughout the year, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My email address is [ashley.lancaster@fcps.org](mailto:ashley.lancaster@fcps.org) and my school phone number is 240-236-4909.

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# Technology



# 1st Unit Material

Below you will find the unit (with sections) that will be first covered in your child’s class.

**Algebra 1:**

The Language of Algebra (Ch. 1.1-1.6)

**Geometry:**

Reasoning/Structure (Ch. 1.1-2.6)

**PreAlgebra:**

Data (Ch. 12.4, 9.3, 12.3, 1.7)

## Upcoming Events/Important Dates

**Back to School Night**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, September \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ P.M.

**Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, September \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ P.M.

**1st Term Midterm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**End of 1st Term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**



* Students can expect math homework about 4 days a week (Mon-Thurs).
* Homework will be checked the day after it is assigned.
* I will be checking homework for completeness. If all of the assignment is complete, you receive 3 points. If most of the assignment is complete, or it is one day late, you receive 2 points. If only part of the assignment is complete or it is two days late, you receive 1 point. I will NOT accept homework after two days!!
* If you are absent, it is yourresponsibility to find out the homework assignment and make up the homework assignment within 2 days.
* Homework will be posted on my Wiki each day.

Technology will be used in math class each day. Below is a list of commonly used types of technology:

* Graphing Calculators
* PowerPoint
* ActivInspire
* ActivSlate
* Internet (BrainPop, TeacherTube)

Note: If your child is absent and missed a lesson, I will be happy to email home the PowerPoint covered in class that day!

# Homework Information

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