August 21, 2012

Dear Student,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with you during what I am sure will be a very exciting and educational year as we work as a team to learn Algebra I and its many applications.

In this course we will cover the Common Core Standards as set by the Department of Education, in preparation for the end of course exam, EOC, as well as spending additional time to develop deep understandings of the content and exploring extensions of the material which can then be applied to additional high stakes tests such as the SAT or ACT.

In this class we must keep in mind that we are all here to learn and it is not fair to keep a fellow peer from learning. In order to learn we must participate both in and outside of class. Our objectives for this course include the following:

1. Explore the Real and Complex Number Systems
2. Draw and Interpret Graphs of Relations
3. Solve and Graph Linear equations and Inequalities
4. Perform Operations on Polynomials
5. Manipulate Rational and Radical Expressions and Equations.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any comments, concerns or suggestions. I can be reached by phone (813-728-3621) or e-mail (hmcneill@ufl.edu).

In order to facilitate learning, it is your responsibility and a part of your class participation grade that you come to class prepared, daily. This includes having paper, pencil and any assignments or notes from previous days. Expect to have homework assigned daily which is to be turned in at the beginning of class the following school day.

The school rules, as described in the Student Code of Conduct, will be followed in class. Please note that students found not following these rules are subject to consequences as described in the handbook.

Your nine-weeks grade will be comprised of the following: announced tests and quizzes, homework, classwork participation, and a cumulative nine-weeks exam. Tests and quizzes will comprise fifty percent, homework/class participation will comprise thirty percent, and the nine-weeks exam twenty percent.

Please discuss this letter with your parents. It is to be signed and returned in class by Monday, August 27th.

Cordially,

Heather McNeill

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Parent Signature Date

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Student’s Name (Print)