

Promethean Board: There are going to be some more changes made to our classroom.

Homework Procedures: There will be no changes made to the mathematics homework. Students will still be completing their problem sets each night.

The BIG changes will be coming in the subjects of reading, science, English, and social studies. While students will still be required to complete some homework in these areas, their classroom participation will be marked as well.

Many students will see a drastic decrease in their homework in these areas. Here is how the new procedure will work:

I will announce to the class a goal grade they are going to have to equal or surpass by the end of the lesson.

The lesson will then be taught using the Interactive tools supplied by the Promethean Board. As the lesson progresses students will be asked to answer questions using a variety of formats. Once the lesson is completed the board will calculate each student's grade for that lesson.

If the student achieves the announced goal grade they will be exempt from that night's homework in that subject. Their class participation grade will be recorded as their homework grade. If they choose to complete the homework anyway, I will record the higher of the two grades.

If the student does not achieve the goal grade they will be required to complete that night's homework. I will still record their class participation grade into my book. When the homework is completed the student's poor participation grade will be replaced with their homework grade (even if their homework grade is lower).

If the student does not complete the homework, there will be a penalty. They will no longer receive a zero and be put on a list of owed work. Instead, their class participation grade (let's say 50 %, for example) for the previous lesson will be cut in half (50 divided by 2 = 25%) and that grade will be recorded in my grade book. They will not be hounded to complete the assignment by me. Instead, because I have a grade, it will be the student's responsibility to complete and turn in the now **late** assignment. If they turn it in late I will mark it and use it to replace the participation grade.

If a student is not pleased with their homework mark, I will still allow them to redo the entire assignment and turn it in to be graded again.