

Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

I wanted you all to know that I will be teaching the upcoming main lesson, *Algebra & Geometry*, which will run during the three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas break.

Here is what to expect:

- This important block introduces the fundamental concepts of algebra. I will do my best to ensure that it is accessible to all students, and that there is adequate challenge for all students.
- There will be an algebra test on the last day of the block. I want all the students to do well on that test and walk away feeling confident about their basic algebra knowledge.
- On most days of the block, I will assign one main lesson book page. There will be some time to do this work in class, but likely things will need to be completed at home. There should not be more than 45 minutes of homework per night. Please let me know if the homework load seems to be too much for your child so that we can make adjustments.
- The standards for assigned work will be the usual, as outlined in Mr. Janzen's sheet "Main Lesson Work Expectations".
- I will not be collecting and editing rough drafts of essays. Students are encouraged to give their rough drafts to their parents for editing and correcting.
- I will collect main lesson books every Friday and return it to students with grades on the following Monday. Please ensure that your child is not procrastinating and staying up late on Thursday night to complete a week's worth of work.
- The artistic component of this block will be the poem *King John and the Abbot of Canterbury*. The students will need to memorize their lines so that we can present it at our school assembly on the last day before break.

Please feel free to contact me at jamiery@smwaldorf.org if have any questions or concerns.

With gratitude for the privilege of teaching your children,
Jamie York