INTRODUCTION:
The Math Department has worked collaboratively to develop common classroom expectations and policies. We are also working together toward our new Common Core Curriculum, Big Ideas, to cohesively present the skills needed to meet standards.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:
The Math Department holds high expectations for the classroom which involves:

➔ Being Respectful
➔ Actively Listening
➔ Being Prompt
➔ Participating in class
➔ Being prepared

POLICY:
● Please read Academic Contract with your child.
● Retakes available on all chapter tests. Review must take place first before retaking an assessment.
● Missing work needs to be turned in by the end of each chapter.

GRADING:

For General Ed. classes grading is:
● Tests are 60%
● Classwork is 25%
● Homework is 15%
● Quizzes are 0% Formative

For Challenge classes grading is:
● Tests are 70%
● Classwork is 25%
● Homework is 15%
● Quizzes are 0% Formative

For LAP classes grading is:
Students will receive a PASS or FAIL grade based upon their classroom work performance and formative assessments. LAP students will not be given homework from their LAP math class.

BIG IDEAS:
This curriculum is designed with a series of exploratory activities followed by skill practice. Students are encouraged to reason, inquire, and persevere. In addition, students will be preparing to meet the challenges of Smarter Balance testing.
**WELCOME:**

I am excited to welcome you to classroom 111. My name is Sarah Walker. I have been teaching for nineteen years with eleven of those in the Lake Stevens School District. I have my Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education with my Master's degree in Technology.

Besides from being a teacher, I am a mother to a seventh grader and a second grader. I understand the excitement and nervousness of entering a new grade level. I look forward to working with each of you and supporting you through this transition process.

In my spare time, I enjoy going to the lake, traveling to the ocean and east of the mountains, reading, cooking, and swimming. You will also discover that I LOVE minions.

On a daily basis, you will be expected to bring the following supplies:

- pencils
- 2 composition books or spiral notebooks
- Big Ideas Student Journal
- Chromebook when available on an individual basis

During the first week of school, we will schedule specific days for students to bring in other class materials. I look forward to a great year making math fun!

**ATTENDANCE:**

If you know you are going to absent, please inform me and the front office ASAP. It is your responsibility to make up missed work. Students who have an excused absence have one extra day for each day absent to get missing work turned in. Tests and/or quizzes must be made up after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays, they cannot be taken during class. It is your responsibility to see me outside of class time (before or after school) to get missing assignments.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Education is a partnership between home and school. I value parent involvement and believe that a strong partnership creates student success. In order for this partnership to be effective, we need to open communication. Please feel free to call, write a note, or email if you have questions or concerns about your child’s education. I can be reached by phone, 425-335-1544, or through email, Sarah_Walker@lkstevens.wednet.edu. I am available from 7:20-7:45, 7:50-8:51 (1st period plan period) and from 2:30-2:50. I have high expectations for students in my room. I expect students to achieve academically to their fullest potential. I also expect students to contribute in a positive manner to our classroom. I am looking forward to a great 2015-2016 school year!