Dear Parent/Guardian,

I want to welcome you and your son/daughter to another exciting year of math! The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the classroom atmosphere I hope to create in conjunction with student input. The following expectations or rules are the foundation for what I believe is a positive and fulfilling classroom environment:

- Respect others and their contributions
- Demonstrate responsibility
- Make a genuine effort on all work
- When in doubt, ask questions

Of course, a foundation is only a beginning; your son/daughter will have the opportunity to assess and amend these guidelines during the first two or three days of the school. Just as I encourage my students to never shy away from asking questions, I extend the same support to you. As a former student with parents of my own, I know that questions will arise. Do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at your convenience.

Despite the expectations I plan to instill in the classroom from the beginning of the year, I am also a realist and I know that misbehavior will occur from time to time. My system of consequences is quite simple. If a student is violating an expectation, I will simply remind him/her of the rules to which he/she agreed. For instances of consistent misbehavior, I will ask the student to immediately stop the improper actions and offer to speak privately with the student in an effort to identify both the cause of such behavior and strategies for correcting it. Finally, behavior that severely violates the expectations will need to be handled by a higher authority. I will make a follow-up phone call to your home. Despite the existence of these consequences, I do not anticipate significant problems with your son/daughter.

This will not be the last time you hear from me this school year. Open communication between teacher and parent can only enrich the school experience of your son/daughter. Every two weeks I will be sending home a mini progress report describing how your son/daughter is progressing with the course content. This will be given to the students on a Friday and needs to be returned with your signature the following Tuesday. There will be a space for your comments or concerns. Again, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or just want to discuss your concerns. I anticipate an excellent year working with your son/daughter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pyle