



CHRISTMAS MATH

for Grade 8



PURPOSE:

To provide math practice over the long Christmas vacation
To help retain concepts recently introduced
To ensure better test scores on tests taken before the end of the second grading period, which is January 13, 2017 (That's **8 school days** after we return from vacation!)

WHAT IS “CHRISTMAS MATH”?: Christmas Math is a collection of approximately 60 math problems covering the material learned most recently this school year.

PROCEDURE: The best approach is to do a few problems each day during vacation. Including the weekends, there are about 16 days to do 60 problems. That's approximately 4 problems per day. It will not be as beneficial to do all 60 problems in one or two days. **All work must be shown on boxed paper.** You may use your homework sheets, or you may box off loose-leaf paper sectioned off **NEATLY**. Work must be done in pencil. The boxed sheets must be stapled in order on top of the Christmas Math packet. Make sure your **name** and the “**test**” **numbers** are on all sheets. Students may not copy answers and/or work from other students' papers. Students may not use calculators, except for students in the Honors Algebra I class. If cheating is suspected no credit will be given for the assignment.

IS THIS A REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT?: NO! Students may choose to do all, some, or none of these problems. Christmas Math is not a required assignment. It is optional. However, a maximum of 15 extra credit points will be awarded based on the number of correct answers as long as the work is shown to support the answer. These extra points can really help improve a low test score.

WHEN IS IT DUE?: Christmas Math is due by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Students are to bring their Christmas Math work directly to Ms. Mullins' upon arriving at school. Students are not to work on Christmas Math before the bell on January 4, 2017. **Extra credit points will not be awarded to students who turn in their Christmas Math packet after 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017** (except for those students whose bus arrives late). In the event of a snow day, the problems are due by 7:30 AM the day school resumes.

Enjoy your vacation! - - - rest, relax, and have fun!

Ms. Mullins