September 3, 2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! I am very excited for all of the positive changes which have been made to the Academy North program. In addition, I’m looking forward to teaching your son or daughter in this class. This is my seventh year teaching math at Academy North and this year I’m piloting a new class here called Women’s Studies. I believe it’s important to teach student’s responsibility and accountability. I assign homework four nights a week and provide a calendar with chapter assignments, tests and quizzes. I expect students to put forth their best effort during class and to seek help when they do not understand the concept being taught. I grade homework based on completion and effort level and update grades almost daily. I will send home your son or daughter’s updated grade weekly.

There are times when students are absent due to illness, field trips, or other reasons. In the event of an absence, students can look on my webpage and see the class notes along with copies of the worksheets. I hope the students will utilize my webpage in the event of an absence or if they are in need of extra help. My website is: <http://jdoherty.weebly.com/>

Communication between the parents and teacher is very important to help the students meet their educational goals. Occasionally I will want to contact you to discuss your son or daughter’s progress. I do not have personal voice mail and for this reason, email is a great way for us to communicate. My email address is: jdoherty@d211.org. Please fill out the attached sheet and have your son/daughter return it to me. This will count as one of their assignments for the first quarter for the 2012-2013 year.

Thank you and I hope we will have a great year together!

Sincerely,

Jeannine Doherty

**Student Name: ID:**

**Year In School: Period:**

**Parents Preferred method of contact: (email, home, work, or cell?)**

**Parents Name:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Are there any concerns you have about this class or your son/daughter I should know about?**

**What have your son/daughter’s previous math experiences been like?**

**Thank You!**