6th – 8th Grade Math Notebook Organization

**Section 1: Forms**

In this section, keep assignment sheets, participation logs, and classroom rules and procedures.

**Section 2: Journal**

This section should include:

* Any and all work you do for in-class problems; this includes your work on Investigation Problems and follow-ups and any handouts. Include words, charts, pictures, or anything else to show your thinking.
* Any notes you take; write anything that you will help you remember your thinking. You should also record notes about the class summary of the ideas in each Investigation. These notes are for your reference as you solve in-class problems, answer homework questions, work on quizzes, and prepare for tests.
* Your Mathematical Reflections from each Investigation.

**Section 3: Vocabulary**

In this section, you will create mathematical descriptions with examples of words you need to know. Use lined loose-leaf notebook paper for this section.

**Section 4: Homework Assignments**

This section should include your work on the ACE assignments. Your homework should be written on lined loose-leaf paper or graph paper and clearly identified.

**Section 5: Assessment**

This section will include all check-ups, partner quizzes, tests, projects, and self-assessment.

**Section 6: Your Book**

Keep your unit inside your binder at all times.

Please do the following to help you organize your work and to make it easier for me to review your notebook:

1. Date every entry and identify problems with problem numbers and the unit name.
2. Always revise what you have written by crossing it out, rather than by erasing. This saves you time and helps me to follow your thinking. It does not count against you to cross out your old work.

I will check your notebooks at unannounced times, and homework grades will be given.

After you complete a unit, clean out all the sections of your notebook except the “Forms” and “Vocabulary” sections. I will file your work for future reference and portfolio selections.