

Dear Students and Parents,

As the new school year at SchoolNova is about to start, I am excited to welcome you to the Math 1 class! My name is Tatiana Alfenito (you can address me as Tanya) and I will help students on their journey to further explore mathematics.

Over the course of the year, we will focus on counting and solving math and logic problems. Students will get their first introduction to measurements (length, weight, capacity, and time) and equations. We will learn Roman numerals and work with 3D shapes. By the end of the year, students will be able to add and subtract double-digit numbers and will be introduced to the multiplication table. We will work on problem-solving skills along with logical and critical thinking.

Our classroom is SBS_N103, located on the first floor of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building in the North wing. We will meet on Sundays from 11:05 AM to 11:50 AM.

Please read the information below to make the start of the classes smooth and easy-going for all of us. Feel free to contact me at alfenito@schoolnova.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Arrival/Dismissal:

1. Please plan your time to arrive at the classroom about five minutes before the class. The students need time to prepare and “tune in” to the lesson. Moreover, being late may be disruptive to the lesson and make it harder for the student to engage in class activities.
2. Please pick up your child from the classroom and let me or our TA know that you are leaving. We will not let the students leave the classroom without a guardian.

Classroom policies:

1. Students are welcome to bring their water bottles with them, but please ensure to finish snacking outside the classroom.
2. Please make sure to use the bathroom before class.
3. Please do not bring any toys to the class, as this distracts both the owner and fellow classmates.
4. Due to limited space I ask that parents wait outside the classroom.
5. Once the class workbooks are distributed, the students must bring them to each class. No other supplies are necessary.
6. If your child is not coming to class, please let me know via email so I do not wait for them to begin class.

Homework:

1. Homework is assigned after each class and is due the next class. Starting from the end of September, there will be two homework workbooks. The student will bring a workbook with the completed homework to the class and exchange it for another workbook with the homework assigned for the following week.
2. While acknowledging that parents' help is required to understand the task, I encourage the students to try their best independently. Homework is a teacher's tool to see how material is understood. If you still assist your child with a particular task and notice they are having a hard time, please leave a note next to the task, so I know to pay more attention to the topic.
3. It is best to start working on homework shortly after the class (the same or the next few days), as the material is still fresh and well remembered with no pressure of a deadline.
4. Sometimes homework is large, so do not worry if a student did not finish it. While discipline is necessary, it is truly important to keep the learning process enjoyable!

I am looking forward to meeting you all on Sunday!

Sincerely,
Tanya