

Dear Parents:

I am so excited to be working with your child in Calculus I this year! Thinking about and working through the different concepts in Calculus will afford your child an invaluable approach to problem solving that will prove to be such an asset to him or her in his or her future endeavors. Success in Calculus I will enable your son or daughter to go on to other academic mathematics courses needed for higher education and promising careers. Today, a good mathematical background is needed for the best positions in nearly every field.

In mathematics, each new idea builds upon previously learned ideas. Therefore, students cannot afford to fall behind. Homework exercises are assigned each class period. Students are encouraged to complete these assignments as soon as possible so they can seek extra help if they feel they do not understand something. Asking questions and clearing up confusion early will help your child gain a better grasp of the concepts. It is the student's responsibility to come for extra help. I am usually in my room Monday through Thursday by 7:20 a.m. and am happy to help your child. I am also available for extra help most afternoons until 3:20 p.m.

If you have any questions about your child's progress in my class, please feel free to email me at school. If you call, please leave your name, your child's name, and your phone number, since I am usually in class and cannot answer the phone right away. I will return your call or email as soon as possible, but please know that phone messages will take longer to answer than email, as I can only be on the phone when there are no students in the room.

Your interest and support are extremely helpful. Students perform best when they, their parents, and their teacher have high and realistic expectations. I look forward to a year in which your son or daughter will have a successful experience in math that will contribute to a promising future.

All the best,

Jill Hamilton  
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P.S. Please **keep this letter for your reference**, and have your child return only this bottom portion. This will be the first grade of the year.

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**I have read the Parent Letter and Classroom Policies for Ms. Hamilton's class.**

Student name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_