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To: Parents of Students in 7th Grade Saxon Course #3 Class
From: Miss Laughlin
Subject: Teaching Method: "Flipped" Classroom

Parents / Students:

Parents, we are running what is called a flipped classroom this year in Saxon Course #3.

The introduction of the math concept and its practice set which was normally done at school will now be homework. They will then come to school to complete what used to be homework but now will be class work. This will allow myself or other students to have more time to help them with issues that they do not understand. Thus the name "flipped" classroom.

Introductory and practice set videos for the students for each lesson are now found on the Quia web page.

The videos will first introduce a new concept. The students may view the videos or they may just read the text book to obtain the new information.

After completing the introduction the students are then to do the practice set for the same lesson. They have the option to watch a second video that will explain each practice set problem, or they complete the practice set and check it on-line for understanding. They may then skip the practice set video, view the entire video, or advance it and watch only the problems that they did not understand.

The benefits for students is they may work at their pace watching the videos. Practice sets are much shorter than homework and the parents who work with the students can also watch the video and may be able to help with questions on the practice set.

This method has been only become available because of technological advancements in the classroom during the past 15 years. Research has indicated it has met with success.

We will continue to make improvements until it is running smooth and efficient.

If you have any questions or ideas for improvement please let me know at tfell@swcsliions.org, or send a note with your student.

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