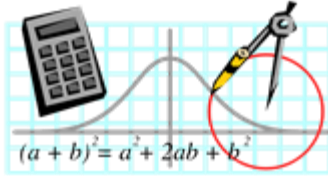


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Introduction

Special Message from the Teacher:

Welcome to the HSMO/TabletClass Math Basic Algebra 1 course. First I want to say that I'm very excited to have you as a student. My goal is to give you an enjoyable and high quality learning experience. Moreover I want you to know that you can master this material if you work hard and never give up. The secret to being successful in mathematics is your approach to studying the topic- i.e. your study habits. From years of teaching math I can say that those students with the best study habits almost always earn the top grades. As such, parents and teachers must focus on holding students accountable for the quality of their work.

Below are critical guidelines for students as they take the course:

1. Never give up- especially when a topic is not understood easily or immediately.
2. Strive to be as neat and organized as possible.
3. Excellent note taking is a must to succeed in math.
4. Show all steps when working problems.
5. Double check your work as you write your solution steps.
6. Always go back and review incorrect problems and discover where the error was made.
7. Master the fundamentals and don't move forward unless you understand previous material.

Remember the course material builds on itself so you want to ensure that you don't skip chapters and sections. Furthermore you want to correct your weak areas before moving onto the next topic. Lastly, I want to stress that you can be great in math if you work hard. Even if you have struggled in math before I want you to look at this course as a fresh start in your mathematics journey- I know in my heart you can ace this course!

Best of luck!

John Zimmerman

HSMO/ TabletClass Math Teacher

Algebra 1 Course

Chapter 1

▶ Chapter 1: Introduction to Algebra Terms and Concepts

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

This chapter introduces students to basic terms and concepts used in algebra. Time is taken to ensure the student understands basic number operations, variables and their applications. Additionally, the student gains a fundamental sense of equations, inequalities and their solutions.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Number Operations

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2. Variables

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3. Order of Operations

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4. Translating Verbal and Algebraic Phrases

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5. Equations/Inequalities/Solutions

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Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Real Numbers and Simplifying Variable Expressions

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

This chapter focuses on getting the student to master working with the Real Numbers. Students learn the rules of integers and practice through many examples. Also, students will learn to apply the Distributive property and simplify variable expressions by combining like terms.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Real Number System

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2. Adding Real Numbers

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3. Subtracting Real Numbers

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4. Multiplying and Dividing Real Numbers

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5. Distributive Property

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6. Simplifying by Combining Like Terms

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Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Solving Equations

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

The chapter breaks down the steps to solve multi-step linear equations. Students will build up their skills as they progress from one and two-step equations to more advance equations. Core concepts involved will be reviewed to include the distributive property and combining like terms.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. One Step Equations

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2. Solving Two Step Equations

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3. Solving Multi-Step Equations

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4. Formulas and Literal Equations

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Chapter 4

Chapter 4: Graphing Linear Equations

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

This very important chapter walks the student step-by-step to master how to graph linear equations. Concepts involving the coordinate plane, slope and methods to graph lines are thoroughly reviewed and introduced. Upon completion of the chapter students will gain the necessary knowledge and skills needed to learn more advance topics involving linear equations.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Graphing Lines with One Variable

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2. Graphing Lines with Two Variables

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3. The Slope of a Line

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4. Slope Intercept Method

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5. XY Intercept Method

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Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Writing the Equations of Lines

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

The chapter builds on the student's prior knowledge and skill of linear equations. Various methods to find and write the equation of a line are introduced and practiced. The chapter focuses on the proper way to set-up and use formulas to write linear equations. Additional related topics are explored to include linear models, linear regression and word problems.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Using Slope-Intercept Form

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2. Using Point-Slope intercept

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3. Given the Slope and a Point

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4. Given Two Points

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5. Standard Form of Linear Equations

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6. Best Fitting Line

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7. Linear Models/Word Problems

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Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Inequalities

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

In this chapter students will apply their equation solving skills to solve linear inequalities. Basic concepts and terms are introduced first, along with how to graph inequalities.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Linear Inequalities

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2. Compound Inequalities

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3. Graphing Linear Inequalities in Two Variables

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Chapter 7

Chapter 7: Introduction to Systems

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

Understanding systems and the methods to solve them are vital in algebra. This chapter introduces/reviews techniques to solve linear systems. Students will also explore special systems, word problems and systems of linear inequalities. Lastly, the topic of Linear Programming will be introduced. This powerful way to use systems in business and industry will connect the chapter's concepts to "real world" applications.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Solving Systems by Graphing

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2. Solving Systems Substitution Method

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3. Solving Systems by Elimination/Linear Combination

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4. Solving Linear System Word Problems

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5. Special Linear Systems

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6. Solving Systems of Linear Inequalities

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7. Linear Programming

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Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Absolute Value

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

Absolute value problems can be challenging for some students to grasp. Time is taken to teach students core concepts and build understanding. Students will learn how to graph absolute value functions and apply the steps to solve absolute value equations/inequalities.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Introduction to Absolute Value

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2. Graphing Absolute Value Equations

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3. Solving Absolute Value Equations

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4. Absolute Value Inequalities

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Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Powers and Exponents

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

This chapter covers the rules of powers and exponents a student needs to learn in algebra. Also, important applications of these rules are covered to include scientific notation, compound interest and exponential growth and decay.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Product and Power Rules of Exponents

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2. Negative and Zero Exponents Rules

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3. Division Rules of Exponents

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4. Scientific Notation

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5. Compound Interest

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6. Exponential Growth and Decay

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Algebra 1 Course

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: Polynomials and Factoring

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

The first part of the chapter covers the parts of a polynomial, related terminology and how to perform polynomial operations. A special focus is placed on avoiding common mistakes. The second part of the chapter focuses on the extremely important skill of factoring polynomials. Students will first understand how to factor out a polynomial GCF and build on this to learn many techniques to factor polynomials.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished)

1. Introduction to Polynomials

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2. Adding and Subtracting Polynomials

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3. Multiplying Polynomials

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4. Multiplying Polynomials Special Cases

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5. Sum and Difference of Two Cubes

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6. Factoring Greatest Common Factor

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7. Factoring Quadratic Trinomials

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8. Special Factoring Rules

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Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Introduction to Quadratic Equations

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

Understanding the properties and methods to solve quadratic equations is essential for the student to advance in algebra. This chapter explains each concept in a very specific and focused manner. After students have been introduced to quadratic equations they build up their knowledge by learning various techniques to solve them. Additionally, they will learn the connection between solutions and graphs of quadratic functions. The chapter ends by covering quadratic inequalities and word problems.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Introduction to Quadratic Equations

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2. Solving Quadratic Equations by Square Roots

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3. Graphing Quadratic Equations

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4. The Quadratic Formula

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5. Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

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6. The Discriminant - Types of Roots

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7. Completing the Square

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8. Quadratic Equation Word Problems

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9. Graphing Quadratic Inequalities

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Chapter 12

Chapter 12: Functions and Relations

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

Functions and relations transcend all through mathematics. This chapter explains core concepts at the algebra level and prepares the student for more advance study of the topic. Time is taken to explain the difference between a function and relation; and introduce the student to the language of functions to include the domain, range and linear/nonlinear functions. Students will also learn function operations, composite functions and graphing.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Introduction to Functions and Relations

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2. Function Operations

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3. Inverse Functions

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4. Graphing Functions

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5. Linear and Nonlinear Functions

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6. Special Functions

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7. Composite Functions

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Chapter 13

Chapter 13: Rational Expressions/Equations

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

This chapter takes the student through fundamental rational expressions to include ratios, proportions, percent and variation. Special emphasis is placed on learning different methods to solve rational expression problems. The section on simplifying rational algebraic expressions starts by reviewing basic examples using numbers before introducing variable examples. The second part of the chapter builds from the student's knowledge of polynomials and covers operations with rational expressions. Instruction will focus on learning to multiply, divide, find the LCD and solve rational equations.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Ratios and Proportions

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2. Percent

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3. Direct and Inverse Variation

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4. Simplifying Rational Expressions

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5. Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

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6. Finding the LCD of Rational Expressions

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7. Solving Rational Equations

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8. Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

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Chapter 14

Chapter 14: Radical Expressions/Equations

(Date started _____ | Date completed _____)

This chapter introduces the concept of radical expressions/equations at the Algebra 1 level. Students will first learn the properties of square roots and associated operations to include solving basic radical equations. Next the chapter looks at the application of radicals and how they help solve many problems in algebra. The chapter will also focus on the Pythagorean Theorem and the Distance and Mid-Point formula as well.

Section Summary (circle / complete after chapter is finished):

1. Simplifying Radicals

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2. Operations with Radicals

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3. Solving Radical Equations

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4. The Distance and Mid-Point Formula

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5. The Pythagorean Theorem

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