

Hello everyone,

This is intended for Algebra 1 students:

So as you know yesterday we got the message that school will be out until the 20th of April. It is not known yet what will happen after that. It is very likely that the rest of the school year may also be cancelled. I will try to answer some of the questions that I have gotten in the past couple of days and give you some advice on how to move forward.

- How does the closure affect me in Algebra 1?
The main drawback to school closure for you is that you don't get the skills necessary to handle quadratics in the future and you don't exposed to quadratic functions.
- Should we do all the assignment on the website?
I will not assign any homework that is due. You can use the website as a guide to help you focus on concepts. Here is a list of the concepts that I would have covered:
Factoring: Greatest common factor, trinomials, difference of perfect squares, and factoring by grouping.
Finding zeros given factored form.
What do the zeros represent on a graph.
Graphing quadratic functions (parabolas) from factored form and vertex form.
Solving quadratic functions using the quadratic formula.
Solving my completing the square.
- Can I do this work on my own?
You are capable of doing all of this on your own. There are endless number of resources that can allow you to focus on each concept. You can do the Worksheets on the website to help you apply the concepts.
- How are semester grades calculated?
No idea just yet. I am not sure if we are going to be required to assign work after the 20th so that we will have things to grade. As of right now everything is up in the air.

Guys at this point you have to take charge of your learning. Even though nothing is required, use your time wisely and look into the concepts above. There are many that will not do any one what I am recommending, but don't let that affect you and your approach. Do the best you can, and some exposure is better than none. More important learning how to apply yourselves is priceless!

If I have overlooked anything please feel free to email me and ask.

LASTLY, can all of you please email me, for a couple of reasons: A) so that I know you have read this, and B) so that I can your current means of being able to contact you if need be. Also please include your phone number in the email.

Stay safe. This will be over before you know it, but please stay home as much as you can.