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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Solano Christian Academy's 2011-2012 school year. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with many exciting things to do. I have the honor and privilege of teaching math, science, and American History to all middle school students.

Solano Christian Academy use Core Knowledge as part of its curriculum. Effective instruction in American History and science requires not only book learning, but also hands-on experience and observation, which helps bring coherence and order to a student's knowledge. This learning will take place in the classroom, as well as on field trips. Saxon math is an excellent text. Each lesson provides new information as well as a review from previous lessons, thus giving the students a solid foundation to build and solidify their math skills. Math is not difficult. Math is just different! Papa would tell me that practice makes perfect.

Each student is expected to bring his/her book (covered), pencil, paper, notebook, ruler, compass, protractor, color pencils, agenda book and assignments to class daily. Students without proper tools will run the risk of receiving an "F" for that assignment. Assignments must be completed on time, neatly done, and in the proper form.

Work is given daily, especially in math. Students will usually be given time to get started and will be expected to complete the work at home for homework. American History and science class will require the students to take good notes which will be used for study and sometimes for test or quizzes. Most assignments will be collected the following day even if completed in class. **Students must use pencil, show work, and label word problems, and box answers for full credit on all math assignments.**

I am looking forward to meeting new parents and talking with returning students' parents. By working together as a team, (student, parent, and teacher) I know this will be a most pleasant, happy and successful year for all concerned.

Sincerely,

Estella Gipson