

Friday / Monday

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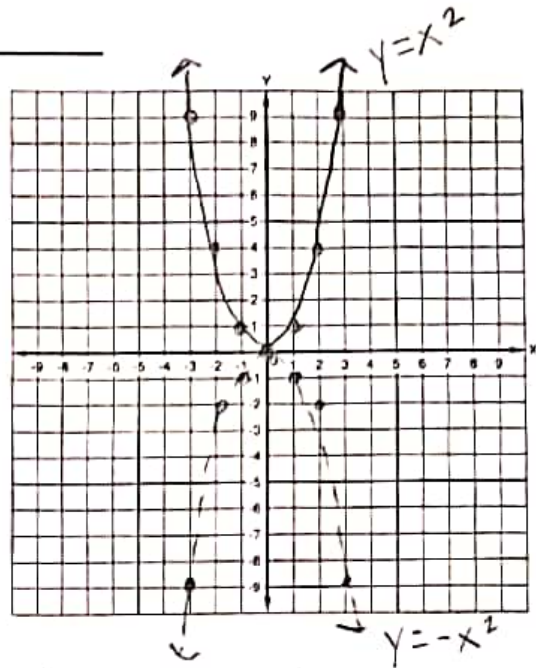
### 4.1 Notes

#### Graphing in Vertex Form

Parent function for quadratics:  $y = x^2$

Complete the table and graph the parent function.

| x  | f(x) |
|----|------|
| -3 | 9    |
| -2 | 4    |
| -1 | 1    |
| 0  | 0    |
| 1  | 1    |
| 2  | 4    |
| 3  | 9    |



Use your same table and graph  $f(x) = -x^2$  on the same graph above.

Vertex form for a quadratic:  $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$

NOT slope → "a" determines the direction + width of the opening  
 "h" represents a horizontal shift (-h → +h ←)  
 "k" represents a vertical shift (+k ↑ -k ↓)

The point (h, k) is the vertex

#### To graph a quadratic in vertex form:

1. Determine the vertex and graph it.
2. Decide if the graph opens up or down.
3. Use a to determine how wide/narrow your parabola will be.
4. Plot at least 2 points on either side of your vertex. Connect with a curve.  
\* 1 and mirror!

**Example:** Graph  $f(x) = (x - 4)^2 - 2$

$a = 1$

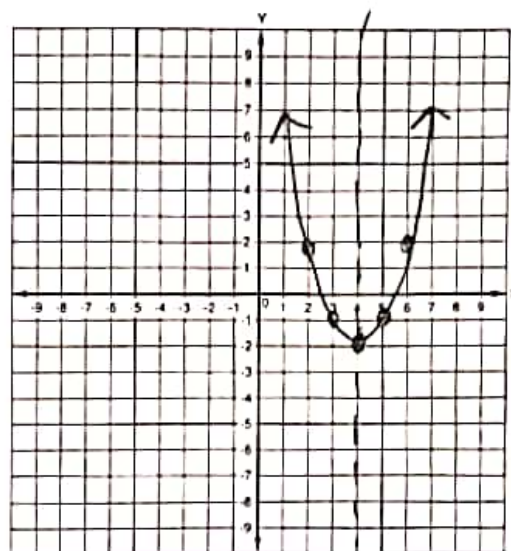
$h = 4$

$k = -2$

Will your parabola open up or down? *UP*

Vertex:  $(4, -2)$

Is the vertex a max point or min point? *MIN*



|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| $x$ | $y$ |
| 2   | 2   |
| 6   | 2   |

$$\begin{aligned} (2-4)^2 - 2 \\ (-2)^2 - 2 \\ 4 - 2 \\ = 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Graph  $f(x) = -2(x + 1)^2$

$a = -2$

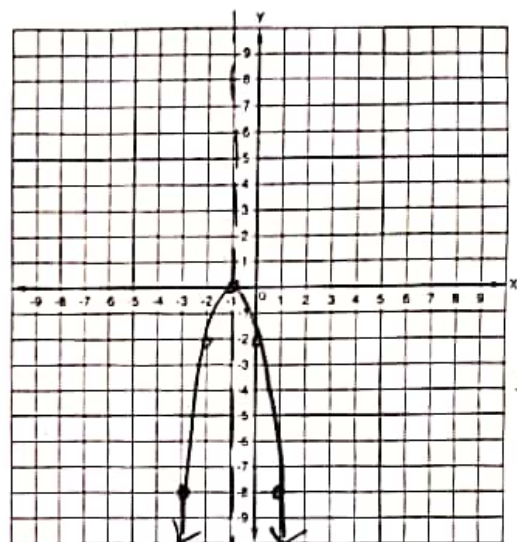
$h = -1$

$k = 0$

Will your parabola open up or down? *down*

Vertex:  $(-1, 0)$

Is the vertex a max point or a min point? *max*



|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| $x$ | $y$ |
| -3  | -8  |
| -1  | 0   |
| 1   | -8  |

$$\begin{aligned} -2(-3+1)^2 \\ -2(-2)^2 \\ -2(4) \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Graph  $f(x) = 3(x + 2)^2 + 2$

$a = 3$

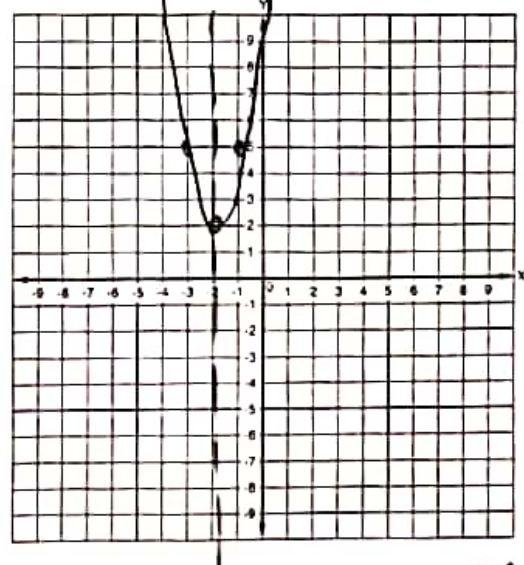
$h = -2$

$k = 2$

Will your parabola open up or down? *UP*

Vertex:  $(-2, 2)$

Is the vertex a max or a min?



|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| $x$ | $y$ |
| -1  | 5   |
| 0   | 14  |

$$\begin{aligned} 3(-1+2)^2 + 2 \\ 3(1)^2 + 2 \\ 5 \end{aligned}$$