

Help your 5th Grader find Success in Math!

You may have noticed that 5th grade is more challenging, in general, for students than any other of the elementary years. In math class we are working on accuracy, details, explaining our thinking, problem solving, and seeing that math is used in our everyday life. We use college and career prep standards, and the expectations on students is demanding and required state pacing keeps us moving quickly through skills. As we move through the school year we will continue to revisit and review the standards, which helps students pursue mastery of these skill sets. There are things that parents can be doing at home to help their 5th grader find success in 5th grade math!

- **Help your child memorize their basic math facts.** The students will struggle with more advanced math computations if they don't have these memorized.
- Talk to your child about **asking for help when they don't understand** a learning in class. Asking for help during class, before and after school, as well as at lunch will help give your child necessary individualized attention and a better understanding of the skills.
- **Utilize math skill videos, textbook packets, and math journals at home as review and practice.** Students have math journals that we use to record lessons, math standards, & examples of skills. They keep textbook packets in their math folders and are encouraged to use problems to practice at home! For each new skill/standard that is taught, there is a tutorial video downloaded to Mrs. Rubin's website. These Math Skill Videos can be utilized by parents, students who need re-teaching or extra practice, and for those students who are absent and miss the instruction.
- Encourage your student to **complete and turn in their ADD Sheet homework early** (Friday, Monday, and/or Tuesday)! ADD Sheets are corrected with mistakes highlighted and returned so that students can fix mistakes, ask questions, and find success in these spiraling skills.
- Take time to **review your child's graded work** that is sent home each Tuesday in their yellow folders. Being aware of your child's successes and struggles will give you an awareness of how to best encourage your child!
- Check out the **online resources that are linked to Mrs. Rubin's webpage** that will help augment your child's education.
- **Note quiz dates** noted in student planners and **test dates** announced in the weekly newsletter. All graded assignments are recorded in planners so that students can prepare and practice at home. Ask to see your child's **study guide** and help hold them accountable to completing it on time and then reviewing/practicing problems the night before the test.

Thank you for partnering with us at YES to help your child build confidence and find success! It is my hope that each student expands their understandings this year. I want to see them gain the necessary skills this year that will be built upon in future grades and that will help them become life-long learners. You are an important part of your child's education, and I appreciate your support!

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