

# A Parent Guide to Surviving 5th Grade Math

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## What Resources Does My Child Have?

- ❖ **Purple Folder:** Stays in binder and holds practice work, glossary, pacing calendar, measurement charts, notebook paper, SODA Sheet, and textbook packet. (We clean out math folders in class after every test.)
- ❖ **Math Journal:** Records examples of each tested skill. Helpful for reviewing before quick checks and tests!
- ❖ **Rubin Skill Videos** on YES Webpage.
- ❖ On-line practice through CLEVER on **IXL** and Textbook Savvas Realize with **Practice Buddy**.

## Finding Practice Buddy

- Go to YES homepage, students, and Clever.
- Log into Savvas Easy Bridge by clicking onto the app in L Rubin folder.
- On the right, click onto Savvas Realize.
- Click onto the colorful textbook picture on the right to access textbook.
- Look in green box for unit playlist. "Visual Learning" and "Another Look" videos plus "Practice Buddy" practice problems with guided practice & answers. This is great for extra practice at home.

## Tips to help support your 5<sup>th</sup> Grader!

- ❖ All graded assignments are recorded in **student planners and on our pacing guide**. Ask to see your child's planner daily. Pacing guides are kept in purple math folders.
  - **For quizzes**, Math Journal entry numbers should be written in planner. Encourage child to review their Math Journals to prepare for quizzes and watch videos and/or do some practice problems in their workbook.
  - **For homework**, Homework is passed out Thursdays and due the following Thursday. The best way to get help is to turn in early on Fridays, Mondays, or Tuesdays! Please encourage your child to finish their SODA sheets as soon as possible so they have time to turn it in early for help. Mrs. Rubin highlights mistakes so students know which problems need to be corrected.
  - **For tests**, please notice the newsletter and pacing calendar which will give dates for Study Guides and Tests. Please encourage your child to complete the practice problems on time. Then, please review any problems corrected in red pen the night before the test. You can use IXL and Practice Buddy for extra practice.
- ❖ Help your child memorize their basic facts. There are lots of free and cheap apps (Quick Math is my favorite.) Once they know the basic facts their brain are freed up to focus on deeper thinking and multi-step problem solving. I also encourage students to use XtraMath.
- ❖ Email your math teacher when child is absent and able to do math work at home. The pacing guide will let you know what lessons are missed and should be worked on at home. There are Rubin Skill Videos, Practice Buddy, and IXL to help with learning at home. Encourage your child to ask for help when they don't understand. This will help them become independent learners and learn to advocate for themselves.
- ❖ Take time to review grades in the Tuesday Folder. Consider having your child use IXL or Practice Buddy to review skills that your student has not mastered.