

Curriculum

What have we been doing?

These past two weeks, we have spent substantial time focusing on the routines of the classroom...how to “turn in” homework, where to put papers, how to travel to and from math. The students are working hard to digest (and apply!) all these “new” routines.

One item on our recent agenda has been getting used to working with the SRB (Student Reference Book or hard cover). In the curriculum, our focus has been on basic number sense and number grid puzzles.

Thanks to all who have sent in additional supplies for math class. If you have not had time, please get them in as soon as you can. All of these supplies are kept for individual use. Students need:

- an extra pair of scissors
- colors (a set of crayons, markers, or colored pencils)
- a pencil pouch

Also, please send a collection of coins for your child to use throughout the school-year (**10 pennies, 5 nickels, 10 dimes, and 2 quarters**). We will probably begin using them in the next two weeks. Please send the coin collection in a baggie/container. Any pennies you would like to contribute to our classroom collection would also be appreciated. (We draw from a large pile throughout the school-year.)

What's next?

In the next couple of weeks, we will be finishing up Unit 1. The students will most likely be tested on this unit the last week of September.

Please look for graded papers to come home, starting next week.

Please note: If you are receiving a paper copy of this form, and wish to have a digital copy, please fill out the last page of this document and have your child bring it back to math.

Everyday Math Resources

There are myriad resources available to teachers, students, and parents working with Everyday Math. As more school districts have adopted the Everyday Math curriculum, many have resources posted on their web pages.

3rd grade unit 1 family letter (help with homework, definitions, and “routines” for unit 1):

https://www.wrightgroup.com/download/em/em3mm_g3_u01_family_letters.pdf

It might be helpful to print this out and have as handy reference for homework!

Other Online Resources

Operation Order—good practice for the beginning of the unit

<http://www.funbrain.com/algebra/index.html>

Good math facts practice:

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/speed-math.html>

I like this website because it provides feedback to the user on both accuracy and speed.

Good practice with rounding to the nearest ten

<http://www.janbrett.com/piggybacks/rounding.htm#quiz>

Open House & Parent-Teacher conferences

Churchill School Open House:

Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 6:30-8:00

A sign-up sheet for parent-teacher conferences will be available in **room 7** during the hours of Open House.

A parent-teacher conference for Challenge Math is optional, but certainly not required.

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Child name _____

Parent Name _____

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