

Saint John the Evangelist School

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Dear Parents,

As parents, teachers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, or friends, most of us know that if we take a child to the library once a week and read aloud to her or him frequently, it provides a good start toward enjoyment and therefore toward reading well.

The math teachers at Saint John the Evangelist School will be allowing for individual growth and mastery of skills that often takes place during the course of the summer. Math is a participation subject not a spectator subject. That means that math must be used to maintain and improve skills. We would like to ask you to do some things to help us help your student.

The specific skills that need to be practiced are things that can be practiced in the car while traveling or waiting in line at the store.

Here are some ideas for you to consider as you and your family are doing mathematics at home:

- Let your children know that you believe they can succeed.
- Be ready to talk with your children about mathematics and to listen to what they are saying.
- Be more concerned with the process of doing mathematics than with getting a correct answer.
- Try not to tell children how to solve a problem.
- Practice estimation with your children whenever possible.
- Provide a special place for study.
- Encourage group study.
- Don't expect that all work will be easy, keep your comments positive.
- Model persistence and pleasure with mathematics.

Help your child see that math is extremely important by allowing your child to see how often and when you use it.

This summer we are continuing to focus on improving math computation of basic facts. Enclosed are drill sheets in one or more operations. Drills should be given weekly. Our aim is to increase accuracy within the recommended time limit.

Grade 1	30 problems	in 3 minutes
Grade 2	50 problems	in 3 minutes
Grade 3	100 problems	in 5 minutes
Grade 4	100 problems	in 4 minutes
Grade 5	100 problems	in 3 minutes
Grades 6, 7, 8	100 problems	under 3 minutes

Thank you for your time and dedication to helping us help your child improve in a real life skill.

Sincerely,

The Mathematics Teachers