

Summer Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2011 Summer Math League !

Our goal this summer is :To provide daily opportunities for all students to deepen their understanding of key math concepts using manipulatives to talk and write about their math thinking.

Get to Know Your Teachers:

Mr. Garman: I will be entering my 5th year at McClelland Elementary where I teach 4th grade. This is my 2nd year teaching summer math. I am excited to be back and part of this wonderful program. We have checked on the progress of last years students and they did fantastic during the past school year.

Mrs. Lott: I have been teaching for 4 years now. My home school is Fairview Elementary where I teach 5th graders. I love teaching because I get to make a difference in someone's life. Was born and raised in Southern IL, but have lived in Springfield for about 15 years now. I am married with 2 beautiful sons, one is 6 years and the other is 7 months.

Ms. Joost: I graduated from Illinois State University with my Bachelor's degree in education majoring in middle school math and language arts. This upcoming school year will be my third year teaching here in district 186 at Jefferson Middle School; home of the Jaguars! The last two years I taught 6th and 7th grade math, and next year I am excited to be teaching all three grade levels 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math!

Ms. Hargrove: I have been teaching junior high and high school mathematics for the past 14 years. Currently, I teach ninth grade Algebra I and Algebra II at Southeast High School. I graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in mathematics. I have a nine year old son and I am engaged to be married. I am looking forward to a rewarding summer of math success with your children.

Ms. Sanders: I am very excited to work with you this summer. We will be playing games and learning LOTS of new strategies to increase your math understanding. It will be a fun 19 days, with lots of exciting adventures to experience. I am welcome any questions or concerns that you may have for the class. **Ms. Swaggerty:** I'm the math coach at Jefferson Middle School. I

look forward to a fun & exciting summer with many learning opportunities with your child. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Ms. Gunn: I am a 5th grade teacher at Blackhawk Elementary. I live in Raymond IL. I have a three year old son named Robbie and my husband's name is Tobin. I enjoy doing things with my church and working in my yard. I have been teaching for 16 years.

Ms. Hopper

Ms. McCord: I am a LD Resource teacher at Dubois Elementary. I have a daughter named Amirah who will be 2 July 7th. I live in Chatham IL currently with my dad Del, my mom Nancy, and Brother Adam. I have 2 pit bulls one named Pac and the other is named Angel. I am really excited about Summer School and we are going to have a blast!

Summer Curriculum:

Our main focus will be on basic math fact mastery, the foundational understanding of fractions including addition and subtraction of fractions; Fastt Math, written explanation, Every Day Counts Calendar, and Do The Math!

The curriculum for this summer is packed full of fun learning activities and games while staying on track with rigor. This summer is going to fly by, and there is a lot that needs to be accomplished. I know that with our high expectations of your student and your support, together we will be able to achieve the outstanding results that we are looking for in order to prepare your child for the 2011-2012 school year!

We look forward to working closely with you!

Daily Schedule	
7:30-8:15	Breakfast
8:00-8:30	Attendance/Problem Solving
8:30-9:00	Calendar
9:00-10:00	Module I
10:00 -10:30	Differentiated Activities
10:30-11:00	Lunch/Outside
11:00-12:00	Module II
12:00-12:20	Basic Fact Practice
12:20-12:30	Dismissal



The focus of the 5th and 6th grade instruction is strengthening their number sense, mastering basic facts, and building foundational understanding of fractions (including addition and subtraction of fractions). We will have a one hour block of time each day that focuses on basic facts and another one hour block that focuses on fractions. I CAN statements will be listed on the back of every newsletter. Individual student progress will be marked as mastered, or progressing. If a section is not marked, it has not been assessed. Please check this every week to see how your child is doing.

I CAN STATEMENTS	Mastered	Progressing	Not Assessed
Multiplication			
I can calculate products with factors 0-12.			
I can represent arrangements of equal rows and rectangles with multiplication problems. (arrays)			
I can use multiplication to write and solve word problems.			
I can use correct math vocabulary.			
I can identify and use the Commutative property.			
Division			
I can relate multiplication and division problems.			
I can use the inverse relationship between multiplication and division to solve problems.			
I can write and solve division problems.			
I can use correct math vocabulary.			
Fractions			
I can name parts of a whole as fractions.			
I can identify equivalent fractions.			
I can compare and order fractions.			
I can add fractions.			
I can solve problems using fractions.	2		