



## MATH SUPERSTARS PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

The Math Superstars program begins today for all children in grades 1 – 6. This program provides an extra challenge outside the normal mathematics curriculum and consists of 25 worksheets distributed now through May.

Teachers give students a Math Superstars worksheet on a Tuesday, in the Tuesday Packet, and collect the answers the following Monday. Each student accumulates points or “stars” for correct answers and receives a small prize for each 60 points earned up to six award levels (360 points). Math Superstars parent volunteers score the worksheets and prizes are awarded.

Some teachers send the worksheets home for their students to complete, while other teachers prefer to have their students work on problems during class time. All students are encouraged to return their worksheets, even if their teacher does not require it.

**POLICY FOR LATE PAPERS:** Worksheets turned in late will have 3 points deducted for each week they are late, unless the student has an excused absence.

For worksheets sent home to complete, parents may encourage and facilitate problem solving. You may need to read a problem to your child and explain any new words or concepts encountered. Feel free to suggest a strategy for solving a problem, offer “counters,” or listen as your child shares his or her thinking. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THE ANSWERS.** If you think that your child has the wrong answer, it is OK to suggest that your child try again. Just keep in mind that parents do not always know the correct answer. It is normal for the student to **NOT** be able to complete every problem on a worksheet.

Problems are challenging and often contain concepts learned beyond the current grade level. The process of reading, understanding and approaching Math Superstars problems is a valuable step in learning to solve many types of problems. A student may receive partial credit for a wrong answer, if the student shows his or her work on the page and is on the right track to solve the problem.

**Please remind your child to check the Math Superstars board, located in the right hallway, toward the primary grade pods.** On this board, your child will find hints or clues to solving one of the most difficult problems from the week for each grade level. We hope your child will find the “interactive” nature of the board, especially, helpful during the year.

Please contact Mary Purvis at (571)323-5017 or email at [mjopurvis@gmail.com](mailto:mjopurvis@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We hope that you and your child enjoy this math challenge and find the program beneficial.