

Parents Packet

**MATH**:

NCTM Standards and the correlated skills in the Math Expressions workbook provide the content of the math subject.

Math Expressions workbook is mainly used in class. A homework packet will be sent home on a weekly basis and it includes practice worksheets as well as the assigned dates for quizzes and tests.

**Resources:**

Mascott, Amy. What Not to Say to Emerging Readers.

PBS Parents. Retrieved on 12-12-2012 at:

<http://www.pbs.org/education/reading-language/reading-tips/>

Morrow, Lesley & Gambrell, Linda. Best Practices in Literacy Instruction 4th ed. 2011

### How can you enhance your child’s progress at home?

### Ask about your child’s progress often.

### Create a literacy rich environment

### Support your child selections

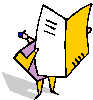
### Model behavior

### Encourage writing

Did you know that students with involved parents are much more likely to be successful in reading and writing? The research states, “Students of involved parents have higher rates of school attendance, better social skills and behavior, higher grades and test scores, lower rates of retention, and higher rates of high-school graduation and postsecondary study.” (Morrow & Gambrell, 2011, p. 427)

# Dear Parents,

Struggling Readers at Home



#### **Creating a literacy rich environment at home.**

A literacy rich environment encourages and facilitates your child’s love of learning in their own environment. It also serves as a reminder of the everyday small things we can do to keep progressing in English proficiency. Sometimes your child will not even realize that they are learning because we can sneak learning in a fun and interactive way.

* Surround your child with a wide range of books
  + Include books that are at, and above your child’s reading level.
* Include many different genre’s of writing
  + Informational, fiction, non-fiction, poetry
* Include different reading materials
  + Comics, newspapers, auditory books, journals, recipes, diary’s
* Have writing materials set up so your son or daughter can use writing as a way to improve their literacy skills
  + A Journal/Diary
  + Fancy pens/pencils
  + Card making supplies
  + Drawing paper
  + Empty Comic Strips
* Allow your child to use a computer to access reading enrichment websites.
* Use captions and videos to add reading to T.V. watching, and introduce vocabulary
  + Watch movie versions of your child’s favorite books, then compare and contrast
* Family Game Night!!!
  + Playing games like Scrabble and Pictionary will enhance your child’s vocabulary in a fun and interactive way.
* Be a model
  + When your child sees you reading and writing, it may encourage them to follow your lead.
* Identify, write, or highlight words that your child is having difficulty with.
* Demonstrate the strategies you use to sound out words. Think out loud so your child can follow along with the process.



* PBS kids Mathletics.com
* Scholastic.com www.ixl.com
* Reading Rockets.org www.kidsites.com
* [www.atozteacherstuff.com](http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/" \t "_blank) Fossweb.com
* [www.readingonline.org](http://www.readingonline.org/" \t "_blank) Youtube
* [www.gophonics.com](http://www.gophonics.com/" \t "_blank)

www.readingresource.net

# Helpful Online Resources for Parents

#### Beware of…

#### Do not interrupt your child as they are reading…EVER!

#### Learn to let go of reading mistakes that do not interfere with comprehension or meaning.

#### Do not ask your child to read faster or slower.

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#### What to do…

1. **Keep reading material in your car.**

Instead of having your child watch a movie in the car, encourage them to read a book, magazine, or comic. If possible, include books that have an audio CD that can be played while your child follows along.

1. **Find opportunities for your child to read.**

Make reading a part of every day life. Have your child read menus, movie listings, weather reports, recipes, or directions.

1. **Go to the library regularly.**

Expand your child’s reading materials by visiting your local library regularly. Libraries also offer reading programs or activities to increase interest.

1. **Play I-Spy.**

Ask your child to find something that begins with a letter in the alphabet, or contains certain sounds, blends, or letter combinations.

1. **List it!**

Create a list of on the go activities with your child to gauge interest and give them ownership of activities.

1. **Writing**

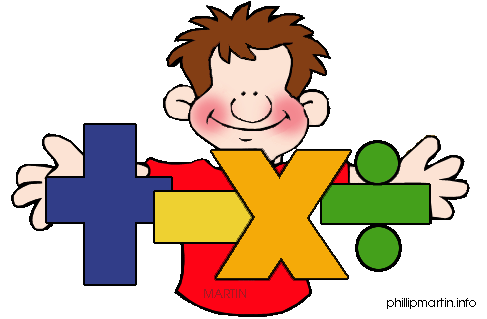
Have a notebook and pencil read in the car so your child can write about, draw, or doodle about their day.



#### **Literacy on the go**

**There are many things that can be done at home to improve your child’s reading. Parents are the greatest resource to provide the much needed one-on-one time and attention that will lead to better success in reading and academic achievement. Here are some things you can do while you are out and about.**

**Students can easily connect math concepts with their own experiences at home. Here are some suggestions that you may use to help your child succeed in Math.**



**Let your child know that everyone can learn math.**

Avoid saying “I was never good at math.” This makes them think that the task is too difficult for their parent, so they will not be able to do it. It also gives them an excuse not to try their best.

**Bake a cake!**

Baking uses lots of math and measurement. Allow your child to take the lead on making a cake for the family. Show them how we use measuring cups and talk about what could happen if we use too much or too little of an ingredient.

**Include your child in everyday activities.**

Making purchases, counting out vegetables at the market, prices, measurement, identifying shapes and calculating costs are all things you can include your child in. This will also show them that math is important everyday.

**Do math problems for fun**.

Have math challenges at home or in the car on those long trips. Such as…

Who gets it right first? How many can you answer?

How many do you know? Are you faster than a parent?

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