**Math Update**

FIX-IT UP FRIDAYS: Your child is welcome to come to my room during their lunch recess every Friday for math support. The time will be spent reinforcing concepts taught during the week.

I will have a sign-up sheet, so I can plan for the number of children attending each session. Please encourage your child to sign-up if they are having difficulty understanding the concepts on the homework.

This time will give them a chance to use manipulatives and practice with me to strengthen their understanding. \*\*\*If your child needs help during the week. They just need to ask me.

Challenge 24: The kids have shown an interest in playing the Challenge 24 game. The competition is in May. Schools from the local area compete against each other. More information will be coming in the future.

Homework: Homework is given daily. Sometimes you will notice the program adds challenging problems for practice. If your child struggles with these challenging problems, you can jot me a note right on the homework. We review the homework everyday together. Those difficult problems are discussed in class. It is a great tool to stimulate higher level thinking and problem-solving.

Dreambox/Think Central: These programs should be fully operational. If your child is still having difficulty logging on, let me know. I am asking the kids to spend about 30 minutes a week using the Dreambox program at home. If you do not have a computer or internet access, your child will be able to use the lab during lunch recess.

Math Fact Fluency: Fluency will be assessed every marking period. These are the following benchmarks for the first marking period:

Addition and subtraction (50 problems in 2.5 minutes)

Multiplication (50 in 3 minutes) Division-divisors to 5 (50 in 4 minutes)

Thank you for your constant support!!! I can always be reached at dorourke@neshaminy.k12.pa.us if you have any questions. Thanks again!!!

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