

Basic Facts Fluency

Basic Facts:

It is essential that elementary students master basic facts. Basic facts include operations with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Fact fluency means that a child can give a quick response (in about 3 seconds). Our goal should be that students can use a method to allow them to get the right answer, to do so reasonably fast, and be able to do this repeatedly (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 2007). The research on basic fact fluency has shown that students' ability to learn higher levels of mathematics is directly related to their ability to perform basic math processes, such as basic facts (Hasselbring, Goin, & Bransford, 1988). Students must have a conceptual understanding of basic facts through the use of strategies, exploration, and experience with operations in order to learn these basic facts.

Implications:

A Basic Facts Program will be implemented in October which will provide instruction, practice and assessment that will be individualized for each student.

Grade Level Basic Facts expectations are:

1st Grade: Addition through 20

2nd Grade: Addition and Subtraction through 20

3rd Grade: Multiplication through the 9 tables

4th Grade: Multiplication and Division through the 9 tables

 5^{th} & 6^{th} Grade: Maintaining fluency with all basic facts with the emphasis on multiplication

and division

Basic Fact Inventory scores will not be used for placement purposes. The information will be shared with parents on progress reports because basic fact fluency is a vital component for students' future success in mathematics. A suggested list of resources to help can be found on the back.



On-line Games

Math Magician Games-- http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html

Math Mastery's Cyber Challenge-- http://www.mathmastery.com/cyberchallenge/index.html

Math Baseball-- http://www.funbrain.com/math/index.html

AAA Math-- http://www.aaamath.com/

Fact Practice

Quia Concentration-- http://www.quia.com/jg/387225.html

A+ Math's Concentration Game—

http://www.aplusmath.com/Games/Concentration/Multiplication Concentration.html

Multiflyer-- http://www.brainormous.com/online/loader_multiflyer.html

Mr. Taylor's Multiplication Facts Drills-- http://www.geocities.com/multiplicationfacts/

Math Flash Cards-- http://www.thegreatmartinicompany.com/

Division Memory-- http://www.numbernut.com/basic/activities/div_mem20_fives.shtml

Aquatic Speedway-- http://www.multiplication.com/flashgames/aquaticspeedway.htm

Math Fact Café-- http://www.mathfactcafe.com/