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Dear First Grade Parents,

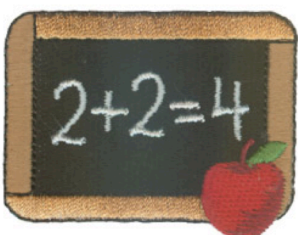
We have recently assessed the children in addition and subtraction facts. As we continue to prepare the students for second grade, we would like to make math fluency a supplement to our weekly homework.

Beginning this week students should be practicing their addition facts through 20, as well as subtraction facts from 20. This should be done at least three days per week and take no longer than five minutes per night.

Upon starting out, it is important to know your child's math strengths. If they are most comfortable starting with smaller numbers, and a smaller amount of facts that is a great starting point! You can make it a fun family game by seeing how many facts your child can solve per week!

Some fun ways to practice are: using flashcards which could be used for memorization as well as a memory game! Math fact activities can also be located through the Library Media Center, on the first grade link. Xtramath is a great website for a quick fluency practice. Please see the letter in your child's folder for log in information. There are also many wonderful iPad/iPhone apps. The children may be familiar with some of these from classroom use!

Practicing math facts should be a fun way for your child to grow stronger with this beginning math knowledge, which is a foundation for future learning! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.



Sincerely,

The First Grade Team

