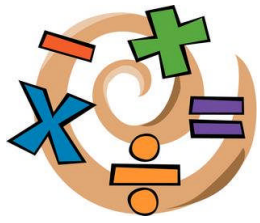


## Regular review helps elementary schoolers



## master math skills

Success in math is built on mastering basic skills. Here are five ways to help your child strengthen math skills:

1. **Regularly quiz** your child on basic math facts:  $2 \times 9$ ,  $12 - 4$ ,  $6 + 6$ , etc. With your child, make a set of flash cards with the math facts he/she needs to know. Use these to quiz your child—at the breakfast table, in the car or while you wait at the doctor's office. He /She has mastered a math fact when he/she can answer in fewer than three seconds.

2. **Resist telling** your child the answers. Instead, show him/her how to find the answer. For instance, if he/she doesn't know what  $3 \times 5$  is, have him/her draw three parallel horizontal lines. Cross them with five vertical lines. Then have him/her count the intersections to get the answer.

3. **Encourage your child** to work more problems than the teacher assigns. Good math skills come with practice.

4. **Challenge your child** to do math "in his/her head". See if

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# Newsletter



# December

# 2015

## Dates to Remember

### December 8th

Early Release

### December 9th

1st & 2nd Grade Play

### December 14th

Santa's Express

### December 21 to January 1, 2016

NO SCHOOL

### January 4, 2016



### **Kindergarten News. . .**

Ms. Vineyard's, Mrs. DeMott's and Ms Schluckbier's classrooms will have their Christmas parties on Friday, December 18th at 11:00.

### **1st Grade News. . .**

Mrs. Mihills's and Mrs. Ferguson's classrooms will have their Christmas parties on Friday, December 18th at 11:00.

### **2nd Grade News. . .**

Christmas parties will be on December 18th at 1:45. Their gift exchange will be to bring in 19 of the same items in Mrs. Smetana's room and 18 of the same items in Mrs. Monroe's room.

### **News by Mrs. Porath. . .**

5th and 6th grade students will be doing a food drive for the food pantry in town.

### **News by Mr. Lekan. . .**

1st and 2nd graders will be presenting a telling of *A Wish To Be A Christmas Tree* on Wednesday, December 9th at 1:30 and 6:30 in

### **Field Trips. . .**

1st and 2nd grades will be traveling to Three Rivers on December 2nd to see the play "Frog"

### **GSRP. . .**

Openings for the afternoon preschool program are still available here at Marcellus Elementary. If you are interested, please call Kathy Stuby at 269-445-6283.

### **Santa's Express. . .**

We will be doing Santa's Express a little bit different this year. **It will only run for ONE DAY, Monday, December 14th!** Students that bring money will be able to shop. Everything will be \$1.00. Please look for additional information in a separate flyer.

