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Dear Parents,

Your child's report card was pretty good except for math. Your child tells you that it is not his/her fault. You get the same excuse. Your child says that he/she is no good in math. Unfortunately, this excuse is pretty lame. Your child can do better in math. In today's society everyone needs a strong foundation in math.

Calculators and computers are necessary tools for your child but they are only as accurate as the one operating them. It is still important to have strong math skills so your child will know what to do with the numbers.

Here are some tips that may be of help to you:

- Girls are just as good with math as boys. It seems some people are of the opinion that math comes naturally to boys. So it is not surprising that boys often do better than girls. In some countries, people believe girls are naturally better than boys in math. The truth is that both boys and girls can do math.
- Positive thinking really works. If you can get your child to think that he/she can do well in math, then he/she will be successful. "I can do it!" attitude can work in math class.
- Practice really does make perfect. If you want your student to become better at pitching a baseball, playing the trumpet, or roller skating, you have him/her to practice every day. So to do better in math--- PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. How is the best way to practice? Make sure your child does math homework every day.

Thank you for your continued support,
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