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Dear Parents,

Math is around us all the time. In our society, everyone needs a strong foundation in math in order to be successful. Today's workers need quick reasoning and problem solving skills. They need to be able to estimate and use mathematical thinking. Think about how many times in one day you use math.

Sometimes our children do not see how useful math can be. You as parents can help. When your child or you use math in your everyday activities, point it out. Did your child look at the clock to see how many minutes before a favorite TV show? That is using math. Did your child figure how much is necessary to save to buy a new video game? Math is used constantly during the day. By pointing out these math activities, you can help promote a positive attitude about studying math in school.

Here are some steps that you might find helpful when helping your child to solve word problems:

- Figure out the question you need to answer. You might find that often it is the last sentence of the problem
- Write down what information is needed to answer the question.
- Develop a plan to solve the problem.
- Check your answer. Read the problem to make sure your answer makes sense.

I will be in my room Tuesday, March 8, 2016, from 6:00 PM until 6:25 PM. If you have any concerns or suggestions as to how I may better serve your child more productively, please come to see me. (This is also PTT night.) I can also be reached by phone during the school day if that is more convenient

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Donna Johnson