

September 29, 2009

Dear 3FX Families,

This year, our third graders will master their addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts. I gave the attached quizzes to find out what students already knew.

- Addition and Subtraction Facts 1-10 (42 problems each in 3 minutes)
- Multiplication Facts 1-10 (40 problems in 4 minutes)

Today in school, we discussed ways to put effective effort into learning our facts. It's important to remember that no matter how much there is to learn...

Effective Effort + Time = Success!

**Here are some strategies students can use to learn their facts at home:**

- Separate flash cards into two piles: "Facts I Know" and "Facts I Need to Learn." Practice the ones you need to learn the most!
- Practice for five minutes every night and whenever you have time: in the car, at the grocery store, or waiting in line.
- Choose math activities for homework, especially math web games!

**Please take a moment tonight to work with your child and make a plan for success.** I attached a worksheet to help you. Then, please sign the slip below and return it to school.

When students take their next assessment in late October, I will send a follow-up letter and share the results with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

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I am so excited to see our class improve on the next assessment!

Thank you very much for your help and support!

Sincerely,  
Abbie Fox

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**Please sign below and return this slip to Mrs. Fox.**

Together, we made a plan to succeed in learning math facts this year.

We are working on a plan, but we have questions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Our Plan for Math Fact Success!

## For the Student

Here are three ways I will put effective effort into learning my math facts:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## For the Parent(s)

Here are three ways I will help you to learn your math facts:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Here are three milestones that we will celebrate:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

To celebrate each milestone, we will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_