Dear Parents,

During math intervention, your child is going to be spending time daily practicing and learning math facts. When your child knows all of the facts in a given operation instantly, without any pause before answering, he/she will move on. I am using a program called ***Rocket Math*** which is a unique program because it teaches only two facts and their reverses on each page. For example, 6 + 3, 3 + 6, 4 + 5, and 5 + 4. The program allows each child to go at his/her own pace, taking as many days to master those two facts as needed. Your child is given the opportunity daily to show he/she has learned a set of facts by passing a test. Once he/she “passes” a set of facts he/she moves on to the next set.

You can help your child progress and learn faster by practicing at home. Any day your child does not pass a set of facts, he/she will have that day’s practice sheet to bring home as homework. It will help a great deal if you will practice with your child for five minutes with that sheet. Have your child complete the page he/she brought home. Once completed, have your child read each fact with the answer. If your child hesitates or gives an incorrect answer, have him/her repeat the problem and answer again three times. If there is no hesitation or mistake have your child move on.

Learning all the facts in an operation is a lot of work, but future success in math is dependent upon knowing facts so well that the answers come automatically, without much thinking. Even in a world of calculators, being able to compute math facts mentally is needed just to know if the calculator answer is correct!

Thank you so much for your support of this critical learning goal. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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