

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be using the TouchMath Program throughout the year. The TouchMath Program is designed to provide step-by-step development of concepts in a real-world approach. Your support and involvement with math learning will contribute to your child's success. Your child will experience success in math using the TouchMath approach.

The TouchMath Program combines the use of seeing, saying, hearing, and touching with hands-on materials and paper and pencil written activities. The approach builds on the first basic skill that children learn: counting. The program moves slowly, providing practice with each small step until that skill is mastered. Your child will have a strategy for solving problems and will quickly demonstrate success in computation. A success-driven confidence is instilled as students demonstrate a consistent pattern of achievement.

A key part of the process is counting. Students count objects, TouchPoints on numerals, and/or quantities using their fingers. As students become more successful, they will adapt to the level they need in order to perform computations. Some students need the tactile process of physically touching something. Others see the visual cues and apply the process without touching the objects. Still others learn the concept of associating the objects with numerals and perform operations with numbers without cues. Your child will adapt to the level that best fits in order to be successful.

You can help your child at home by doing the following:

1. Ask about what has been learned in math each day.
2. Support your child in learning math through the style that works for success.
3. Help your child use the math that is being learned.
4. Work with your child to learn the Touching/Counting Patterns.
5. Encourage your child to say the numbers when working the problems.
6. Be firm about using the process rather than guessing at answers.

The Touching/Counting Patterns are included below for your use.

If you would like TouchMath training or additional practice materials, visit www.touchmath.com.

Sincerely,

