A Summer of Math

Congratulations! Your child has made tremendous progress in math this year!

Over the summer months, you can help you child retain the important math skills they have learned this year. The goal is not to do math worksheets or drills, but to talk about math and have fun using math in games and enjoyable activities.

Try some of the following:

* Play some card games or board games that require students to use math skills. (delete or add in the list below dependent on your grade level)
  + Board games might include: Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Monopoly, Connect 4, Yahtzee, Battleship, or RACK-O
  + Try strategy games like checkers, chess, Connect 4, or Sodoku
  + Play with puzzles, legos, tangrams
  + Play card games like Crazy Eights, War, rummy… and have your child keep score
* Go to the library and check out some books that have math themes. Talk about the books together. (add a few titles here that work for your grade level)
* Go on a math scavenger hunt (e.g., look for shapes, angles, parallel lines, things that have symmetry…) (delete or add here dependent on your grade level)
* Invite your child to cook with you, measuring ingredients and timing the baking.
* Have a lemonade stand and have your child make the lemonade and manage the money collected.
* Have your child accompany you to the grocery store and estimate the cost of your groceries. Compare it to the actual cost. How close was your child?
* Begin a summer coin jar. Have students count the money every few days and decide together how to spend it at the end of the summer.
* Practice math facts in a fun way. (Add a few math facts games here – maybe even send home a few templates!)
* Grow a garden together. Measure the heights of your plants as they grow.
* Follow a sports team. Look at the team/player statistics and talk about the math in the sport.
* Find a fun math website to enjoy together (e.g., <http://www.estimation180.com/>)

This summer, talk about math and show your child that math can be fun by engaging in math alongside him/her.

Enjoy the summer with your child!