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Dear Families,

Do you know the facts? We are writing to let you know that we will be asking students to study their addition and subtraction facts to 18 if they haven't yet mastered them. Our expectation is that students will be able to correctly answer a fact in three seconds.

To meet this expectation, we are requiring students to correctly answer 40 facts in 2 minutes. We recognize that this timed paper and pencil task may be difficult for some students; therefore, we will administer the fact test orally if needed. Once the students have met the expectation, they will be given an opportunity to complete more facts in the two minutes provided. We tested the students to see how they are doing with their addition and subtraction facts at this point, and we will be quizzing them each week to track their progress.

Please help your child to master his or her addition and subtraction facts at home. If your child still needs to study, he or she will be given a math fact practice log at the start of the week. We ask that he or she studies his or her facts 5 minutes a day and that you sign the log.

Listed below are some suggested strategies for studying math facts. It may be that your child hasn't found the strategy to match his or her learning style. Try one of these ideas!

- Worksheets - write down facts or print one off the computer
- Timed worksheets
- Oral quizzes
- Flashcards
- Computer games (Math Blasters, Math Baseball, Math Construction, Fun Brain, Times Table App)
- Everyday Math online games (Coming soon...)
- Move around (jump, skip, hopscotch, walk in figure 8) while saying the facts
- Repeat the facts orally
- Write down a fact over and over
- Make a song out of the facts
- Focus only on difficult facts

Thank you for your support!
The Third Grade Team