

December 19, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Knowing the multiplication tables is essential for fifth graders to be successful in all areas of the fifth grade curriculum. The multiplication facts are part of the third grade curriculum so it is vital for the fifth graders to master these facts.

Throughout the school year, the fifth grade teachers have discovered many students do not know their multiplication facts. In order to combat this problem the teachers and administrators have developed a reward and a consequence plan that will promote the importance of knowing the multiplication tables.

The following is a plan of action discussed and approved by the fifth grade teachers and the administration:

1. Students are expected to use the winter break to master the multiplication tables through 12X12.
2. On January 13, 2012, the students will be given 90 multiplication problems to complete in 5 minutes. The students will be required to know the 1's through 12's multiplication facts for this activity.
3. Students earning 100% for this activity will be given an extra Physical Education time and an extra recess on January 20th.
4. Students earning an 80-99% pass rate will be given an extra recess on January 20th.
5. Students earning a 79% or below pass rate will be required to attend a Saturday session from 10:00 am-12:00 pm on January 21st in order to practice the multiplication facts. This session will be monitored by the administration.
6. For students not meeting the 80% benchmark, there will be a follow up assessment given in February. The teachers expect every student to achieve a 100% pass rate!

Thank you for your cooperation and support regarding this important expectation.

Sincerely,
The Fifth Grade Team

To acknowledge receipt of this letter, please sign and return the bottom portion to your child's fifth grade teacher.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____