The Math Team  Mrs. Bonaldo and Ms. Solano

Carrigan Intermediate School consists of 20 - 5th grade classes and 20 - 6th grade classes. We have two Math Facilitators, Lynn Bonaldo and Mona Solano, along with 4 math paraprofessionals. The main job of the math facilitators is to assist the teachers in creating and implementing lessons that will incorporate the 8 mathematical practices. In addition, we will support the teachers with lessons, strategies, and activities that will, in turn, help the students become better learners. During SRBI we take small groups of students to reinforce concepts and skills that are being taught in the classroom through hands on activities, math games, worksheets, etc. We will also continue to use Symphony Math with our SRBI groups. The purpose of this program is to enhance students’ conceptual learning of math while strengthening math skills. The students will be taking the Fall Symphony benchmark test and then working on the lessons. These lessons can be worked on at home as well at mysymphonymath.com. The paraprofessionals will assist the teachers during their math SRBI period, as well as work with small groups of students. For example, they could be working on math facts, mathematical algorithms, reinforcing the lesson taught, etc. Carrigan will continue to administer the Skills Assessment Benchmark test to each student in grades 5 and 6. This year the test will be given once in the Spring. The purpose of this test is to measure the students overall growth in math throughout the school year.
Units of study for the school year 2015-2016

6th Grade:
Unit 1-Operating with Positive Rational Numbers
Unit 2-Ratios & Rates
Unit 3-Expressions & Equations
Unit 4-Understanding Positive & Negative Numbers
Unit 5-Algebraic Reasoning
Unit 6-Geometry
Unit 7-Statistics & Distribution

5th Grade
Unit 1-Algebraic Connections
Unit 2-Understanding the Place Value System
Unit 3-Computing with Whole Numbers & Decimals
Unit 4-Addition & Subtraction of Fractions
Unit 5-Multiplying and Dividing Fractions
Unit 6-Geometry
Unit 7-Statistics

**SAVE THE DATES**

Fall Focus
September 16th, 2015
6:30

Math Night
Oct 8, 2015
More information to follow

Strategy of the Month

Setting Personal Goals

Being able to ask good questions will help you in many ways. Use these to solve problems:

• What information do I know?
• What else do I need to find out?
• What question am I trying to answer? • Have I missed anything?
• Does my answer make sense? Practice asking good questions!

Sam's father gave him 49 dog biscuits to give to their three dogs – Alice, Joe, and Mickey. Sam must divide the biscuits according to the size of the dogs. Joe needs to get twice as much as Alice and Mickey needs to get twice as much as Joe. How many biscuits should Sam give each dog?

Answers:
Alice: ________ Joe: _________ Mickey: _________

Student’s name and Room #__________________________________________________________
Parent Signature___________________________________________________________________

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