

Dear First Grade Parents,

This semester we will begin building our “Fact Power” by practicing and learning our addition math facts. We will be using a district adopted program called Mastering Math Facts developed by the Otter Creek Institute. The program encourages children to learn their math facts at their own pace.

Your child’s goal is based on how fast your child can write numbers. Each time your child exceeds his/her goal a new goal is set.

You can help your child at home by practicing the same set of facts they are learning at school. Once your child knows the facts you can give them a 1-minute timing like we do at school. If you are looking for written practice opportunities, you can find a link on Patterson’s first grade web page. We will be doing our 1-minute timings at school on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please look for your child’s current level on the back of their take-home folder. Once your child has mastered a level, it will be crossed out on their folder. Your child should then begin practicing the next level.

Along with a 1-minute timed test, students will be given a 2-minute test on Fridays. This test will focus on *all* sets A-W (facts up to 18).

Please remember that although learning math facts is an essential skill it is only one part of our math program. We want every child in the class to feel successful and proud of all of their accomplishments. If your child is having difficulty meeting their goal or learning the facts we will adjust the program as needed to meet your child's individual needs. We want this to be a positive and enjoyable experience. Please help us in communicating this same message at home.

Thank for your continued support!

The First Grade Team



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Your child is currently working on trying to learn their addition math facts. This outline will help you to know what facts they are working on depending on their level of the week.

Set A	$2+1=$, $1+2=$, $3+1=$, $1+3=$
Set B	$4+1=$, $1+4=$, $1+1=$
Set C	$5+1=$, $1+5=$, $2+2=$
Set D	$6+1=$, $1+6=$, $3+3=$
Set E	$7+1=$, $1+7=$, $4+4=$
Set F	$8+1=$, $1+8=$, $5+5=$
Set G	$9+1=$, $1+9=$, $0+$ any #
Set H	$2+3=$, $3+2=$, $6+6=$
Set I	$4+2=$, $2+4=$, $7+7=$
Set J	$5+2=$, $2+5=$, $8+8=$
Set K	$6+2=$, $2+6=$, $9+9=$
Set L	$7+2=$, $2+7=$, $4+7=$, $7+4=$
Set M	$8+2=$, $2+8=$, $6+8=$, $8+6=$
Set N	$9+2=$, $2+9=$, $6+9=$, $9+6=$
Set O	$4+3=$, $3+4=$, $6+7=$, $7+6=$
Set P	$5+3=$, $3+5=$, $7+8=$, $8+7=$
Set Q	$5+8=$, $8+5=$, $7+9=$, $9+7=$
Set R	$6+3=$, $3+6=$, $5+9=$, $9+3=$
Set S	$7+3=$, $3+7=$, $8+9=$, $9+8=$
Set T	$8+3=$, $3+8=$, $4+9=$, $9+4=$
Set U	$9+3=$, $3+9=$, $5+7=$, $7+5=$
Set V	$4+5=$, $5+4=$, $4+8=$, $8+4=$
Set W	$4+6=$, $6+4=$, $5+6=$, $6+5=$
Set V	$4+5=$, $5+4=$, $4+8=$, $8+4=$
Set W	$4+6=$, $6+4=$, $5+6=$, $6+5=$