

# Parent Resource Newsletter

## What's Your Math Attitude? Math Tips for Parents

Is it getting a little tougher to help your child with math homework? You're not alone. There's an all-too common misconception that some people are born with a head for numbers and others aren't. But it's not true.

### Your Attitude Can Help

Studies show that a parent's attitude toward math is contagious – and your child will catch it, good or bad. So just by having a good attitude toward math, you are helping your child. Try these fun pressure-free ways to boost your child's math skills—without a worksheet or textbook in sight and show your child your positive attitude toward math.

1. **Savvy shopper** -When you are shopping for items for school, pose math questions. For those \$50 jeans your child wants, how much would they need to be discounted for the total price to drop to \$25?
2. **Travel time** - When you're going somewhere, ask your child how long it will take to get there if you leave at 8:00 and get there at 10:00?
3. **Penny for your pancake thoughts?** - Ask your child to double (or halve) the recipe in your favorite pancake recipe.
4. **A better buy** - Demonstrate using math to problem-solve in everyday life. Let's say you're grocery shopping and there are two brands of macaroni and cheese. One brand is \$1.99. The other brand is \$2.99. Ask your child to figure out which is the better buy. Which is cheaper or higher?
5. **Daily ruminations** - Celebrate math out loud for a day! Since much of an adult's everyday life is filled with mental math, spend one day sharing these usually silent calculations with your child. You can start from the moment you get up and begin; say, by adding the minutes on the clock, For instance, if we leave at 7:30 every day, how long do we have till we leave the house to be on time? All day long, share your mathematical thinking with your child and challenge her to participate in the math of your family life.
6. **Cards and board games boost math!** - Play math-boosting games with your child, such as Crazy 8's.

Quote: "Whether you believe you can or you believe you can't, you're usually right" - *Henry Ford*, American Industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Company.

## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

### Helping Your Child Succeed in School

#### Teach Math, Reading and Even Geography with the Newspaper Weather Page



You don't need textbooks to teach your child basic skills. Just open your local newspaper and turn to the weather page. Then try these ideas:

- \* **Personalize the Map.** Help your child find states where relatives live. Ask your child what clothes grandma might be wearing today.
- \* **Find the state.** Read an article in the paper with your child. Then locate the state mentioned using the weather map.
- \* **Add It Up.** Ask your child to locate the temperature for a city. Then do simple math. For example, add that temperature to the temperature in another city, or divide that number by the syllables in "Ohio."
- \* **Check It Out.** Together, read the weather forecast for the day. Discuss weather terms like temperature, winds, humidity and precipitation. Later, go outside. Ask your child which predictions about the elements came true.

Source: Learning Partners Activity Booklet (*The Washington Post*, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 2007), paperback, 74 pp.

### Did You Know ?



The first day of **Spring 2017** will be on **March 20**, with winter officially ending exactly at 6:29 A.M. EDT.

The **Vernal Or Spring Equinox** signals the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere? The word *equinox* is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal night." Spring Equinox brings days and nights in equal proportions. It is simply the day when there is exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of nighttime. But, did you know that this is only true on the Equator? For the rest of us, the timing is a little sooner, or later, depending upon where we live on the planet. The other thing to note is that the Spring Equinox is just a calendar date. From a standpoint of weather, real spring arrives sooner or later depending upon where you live in the Northern Hemisphere. For us in Ohio, we have been experiencing and enjoying warmer spring like weather. ☀☀☀☀☀

**Mark Your Calendar !**

Coming soon....Title I is hosting our annual **Title I Literacy and Math Family Night**. Again, Walls and Holden Schools will combine for our Title I event; with our family night being held on **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Both schools will be meeting at WALLS Elementary School with sign-in starting at 6:15 p.m. Invitations will be coming home soon in your student's take home folders.



This year's theme is **"Time for S'more Learning" - Let's Go Camping with Title I**. Students and Parents will have the opportunity to follow our camp to Reading, Math and Make and Take Activity stations that will reinforce what is already being learned as well as introduce some fun. Parents will have the opportunity to join their children in those activities. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Once you receive your invitation; complete the RSVP form and return it to your Title I teacher by **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We hope you can join us this evening and spend the time with us. Looking forward to seeing all our *Happy Campers* there!



**Quote: "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn"** - *Hal Borland; well-known American author, journalist and naturalist.*

**School News**



**KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPRING BREAK**

Spring break for the Kent City School District is scheduled for **March 27<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Classes will resume on **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** is the end of the Third Nine Weeks .



**Don't forget...while on Spring Break it is still important to read at least 20 minutes a day or more (alone or together with family). Make reading the most important – and happiest – 20 minutes of your day! Have fun reading !**

**Site Review**

**Resources available for Parents and Families:**

**Check out this Website:**

**Ohio's Statewide Testing** -About this Web site: This portal is your source for information about Ohio's State Tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. See website: <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>

**Kids' Corner**

**This Month's Family Activity**

**Spring vacation** is a great time for families to recharge, get ready for the home stretch of the school year, and have some fun. Whether you're planning to take it easy at home during spring break or take a fun family trip, see below for some great ideas for spring break activities.

- 1. Have Fun with Spring Crafts:** There's something about springtime that inspires fun & colorful creations. Look for spring craft ideas at <https://www.verywell.com/school-aged-children-easy-and-fun-crafts-4013934> for inspiration & instructions.
- 2. Play Outdoor Games:** Spring break is a great time for fun. Lots of fun games can be played outside in fresh air & sunshine. Now that days are longer & temperatures are finally beginning to warm up, classic outdoor games like *four square* are perfect for play during a break from school. The best part: You get exercise while having fun!
- 3. Head to your local library:** The Kent Free Library is offering its **Tales & Treats** program Tuesdays through March 28 at 4:00 pm. Children entering grades Kindergarten through 2nd are invited to join them for a program filled with stories, games, activities, friends, and fun! **OR** join in their **Friday Family Story Time** for children of all ages for books, songs, finger plays and fun! **Contact:** Kent Library Information Desk at 330-673-4414 or [kflinfo@kentfreelibrary.org](mailto:kflinfo@kentfreelibrary.org)

*Here are our 2016-2017 Title I Contacts for our Title I Program at your school:*

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- **Literacy Coach, Mrs. Kristin Garner:**  
• *Holden School (330-676-8400)*  
• *Walls School (330-676-8300)*
- **Parent Involvement Coordinator,**  
• *Ms. Pam Bose: All Schools (330-676-7425)*
- **Federal Grants Coordinator, Mrs. Karen Rumley,**  
• *Director of Instructional Program:*  
• *All Schools (330-676-7600)*



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**Have a Great Spring Break !**