



McPolin Elementary School Weekly Office Updates
Wednesday, March 10th, 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

Where to begin this update? Well, let's start with the amazing fact that we have enjoyed 120 consecutive days of perfect I person and remote learning. Students are having a productive year of learning. We have learned that when we come together and put our community first, EVERYTHING is possible. Never before have I felt so much pride and accomplishment being a part of a school community. Every day matters. Every one of us matters. Most of all, having schools open for in-person learning matters. Thank you to every one of us for having the courage and the patience to get us through to this point in the year. I see no reason for anything to change, except for the better.

Adding on to the message above about our success in public education, when the school and the family have safe and on-going relationships, STUDENTS SUCCEED. Here are some ideas for all of you at home to reinforce Math skills:

- GAMES BUILD NUMBER SENSE - Play games with your child to reinforce number sense.
 - This game involves putting numbered cards in order from greatest to least.
 - Yahtzee is perfect for working on multiplication facts and reinforcing addition skills. There are many fun card and dice games that utilize math skills.
- PRACTICE MATH FACTS - Your child is expected and NEEDS to know multiplication facts.
 - Have your child bounce a ball as he/she says the multiples of different numbers.
 - For example, he/she can practice the multiples of 9 for each bounce 9, 18, 27, 36. Then he can say them backward: 81, 72, 63, 54. Research shows that kinesthetic movement helps the brain learn facts.
- PRACTICE ESTIMATING – Your child is also expected and NEEDS to be able to round number values and critically think using numerical value.
 - Determine the number of miles driven in X hours
 - Determine how long it will take to drive home going X mph
 - Figure the cost of X number of minutes of cell phone use if you pay X cents/minutes
 - Determine how many gallons of gas you can buy with X dollars
 - OR how about determine how many chocolate chips are needed if X number of cookies each has 3 chocolate chips

I will remind everyone the best approach for all families is to directly contact your teachers through Classroom DoJo, an email, or even a scheduled ZOOM meeting to align school work and work at home. We welcome all questions and opportunities to visit with families in our collective efforts to support all students. We have come full circle about the importance of communication and relationships.

We are amazing! We are united, and we R.O.C.K. We Got This!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Upcoming events:

- PICTURE DAY – SPRING PICTURES
 - THURSDAY, MARCH 11th – TOMORROW
 - CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
- No School for students – Monday, March 15th
 - Teacher professional learning and preparation day.
- Report cards will be sent home Tuesday, March 16th