



Community Unit School District 303

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New Math Curriculum: Report Cards and Parent Workshops

Dear Parents,

This year, St. Charles CUSD 303 is implementing a new math curriculum that was developed by D303 teachers using the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. These standards were recently adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education. This new curriculum emphasizes the application of math skills to real life problems and instruction will go deeper so students have a better understanding of math and how numbers work.

Report Card – The elementary report card will include the mathematical areas of operations, algebra, geometry, measurement and data, and probability and statistics. Also included are the eight mathematical practice-based skills: perseverance, abstract reasoning, justification and critiquing, modeling, mathematical tools, precision, structure, and repeated reasoning.

Because this is a new curriculum, teachers are working on introducing these practices a few at a time. Therefore, on the report card, student progress will be based on the practices that have been taught up to this point – which means that not all areas may be marked. Teachers will reference taught practices in the text box section of the report card and/or at parent teacher conferences. If you have any questions regarding your child's report card, please contact the teacher.

Parent Math Workshops - D303 is offering two opportunities for parents to learn more about how to support their child in math. During these sessions, parents will participate in problem-solving activities that will demonstrate a deeper understanding of math content and the role that the mathematical practices have in problem-solving. These workshops will also have ways for you to support your child at home.

If you are interested in attending, please choose one of the following evening workshops:

Monday, December 10, 2012, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, at Thompson Middle School Library

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, at Wredling Middle School Library

Please RSVP which date and number of people attending to Karen Wiebe at Karen.Wiebe@d303.org.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's teacher, building principal, or Michelle Fitzgerald, Director of Curriculum.

Thank you,
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