



Sumter School's SCOOP!

TITLE I SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWS

December Parent Meetings

SCPS: Family Math Night

Dec. 11th at 6:00 p.m.

- Play educational games that teaches kids addition, subtraction, problem solving, and place value concepts. Also, get tips to use at home that will increase their child's number sense in base ten operations.

SCES: Marvelous Math

Dec. 13th @ 5:45 p.m.

- Participate in various grade level Math stations. "Make & Take" activities to do at home with your child(ren) to build their math skills.

SCIS: Title I Input Meeting:

Dec. 13th @ 6:00 p.m.

- SCIS is a Title I school. Come **provide your input** on the 2019/2020 School/ Parent Compact, Parent Involvement Policy and how we should spend the 1% set-aside family engagement funds.

SCMS: Mad Science

Dec. 11th @ 5:30 p.m.

- See your child(ren) in action as they demonstrate body systems, heat transfer, density, kinetic energy, and much more of what's learned in science class!

ASNGA: Gallery Walk (Social Studies)

Dec. 4th @ 5:30 p.m.

- Come and see what your child has been doing in World History through a complete display of essays, posters, and drawings.



KARATE MATH

Multiplication facts are so important to a child's learning. Knowing their times tables by heart will help them conquer math in high school and beyond. Schools are helping students master their multiplication facts in grades three through nine by giving daily drills. They are then tested each Friday for mastery. Each student is given a colored band to represent his/her mastery. The goal is for students to learn all multiplication facts and earn the BLACK BELT! Ask your child what band he/she has in the Karate Math Match.

Practice...Practice...Practice...

Continual practice through drilling at home can help your child learn his/her times tables. Find small snippets of time and fun ways to practice! It may be on your way to school every morning, walking through the supermarket aisles or even between television commercials, drill them continuously until they are completely comfortable with all their times tables and can answer any thrown out multiplication fact. Learning can happen anywhere and anytime outside of the school day with a little help by the adults in their lives.

Practice should start in numerical order and once you feel they are getting there you can mix it all up. They may hesitate at the beginning but the more you drill the more the times tables will be embedded into their memories.



MATH LINKS ONE STOP SHOP!

Looking for great math websites for your child and don't know which sites to use? Well look no further, we're here to help.

The District Coordinator has taken the stress out seeking practice work for your child by placing quick and accessible links on the district's website. You'll find printable worksheets, flashcards, and timed math drills, from addition to calculus right at your fingertips.

Try it Today



To access math links, go to:

www.sumterschools.org

Click on Parents
Click on Math Links
Choose your math fact
Then download, print,
play or quiz your way to
the top.



Early Release: Dec. 18

Winter Break:
Dec. 19th-Jan. 7th

Research says, Reading Makes You Smarter!



Reading isn't just something that children must do in school; it should be an everyday part of their lives. Evidence shows that "Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not" (Cullinan, 2000)

During this winter's break, drop by your local library and encourage your child to check out an interesting book of his/her choice. An AR book on your child's reading level would be a great choice! Parents you may want to read the book as well. After completing the book, discuss key topics of interest such as the characters, setting, plot and ending of the story. Doing so not only strengthens the bond between you and your child; but it also strengthens their reading comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling ability, understanding of grammar, and knowledge of the world. Give it a try! Your efforts in helping your child read over the Winter Break could help your child to earn valuable AR points upon their return after the Winter Break and they will thank you later!

Cullinan, B.E. (2000). *Independent Reading and School Achievement*. Research journal of the American Association of School Libraries, Volume (5), Page (3). Retrieved from www.ala.org

Don't Forget your AR Book!

Encourage your child to bring home an AR book from the school's library so he/she will be ready to test in January!