

The Third Grade Bergstrom Buzz

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 7

DECEMBER 4TH, 2009

**Summit Street School
CCSU**

**tbergstrom@ccsuvt.org
(802) 857-7000 x2531**

Math Facts

Upcoming events:

- *Report Cards for the first Trimester go home Friday, December 11th, 2009.*
- *The last day of school before the holiday break is Wednesday, December 23rd, 2009. This is a full day.*



Math Fact Websites:

[http://
www.factmonster.com/](http://www.factmonster.com/)

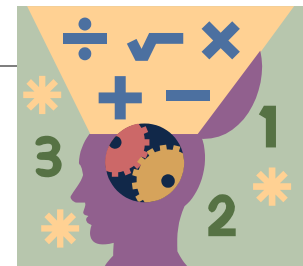
[http://
www.mathfactcafe.com/](http://www.mathfactcafe.com/)

[http://
www.funbrain.com/](http://www.funbrain.com/)

As you probably know, we have been working on our math fact fluency daily in class. On the report card that your child receives next Friday, there is a section that says “Knows Addition Facts” and “Knows Multiplication Facts.” In this first trimester we are not assessing whether the students know multiplication or division math facts. The expectation for the first trimester is that each student needs to be able to correctly answer 35 addition and 35 subtraction math facts in two minutes to securely meet the standard.

Knowing their math facts will help our students to compute higher level math concepts at a faster rate and it will help them gain confidence in their math abilities.

It is not meant to be overwhelming or stressful. We are practicing taking deep breaths, thinking positively and using our study time wisely. These strategies have helped a lot of students to improve rapidly. You can help your child to improve his or her math facts by using the old quizzes that your child brings home as practice sheets. There are a lot of games



online and using number cards or die that you can play that practice math fluency as well. Check out the Summit Street Website and go to the link “Websites to Explore” to find more math fact websites. Also, ask your child about the games such as “Top It”, “Beat the Calculator”, and “Around the World”. These are fun ways to practice! Let me know if you would like further suggestions.

Hiawatha Pen Pals

Last month we received letters from our new pen pals at Hiawatha Elementary School. Each student received a letter from a third grader at Hiawatha. We recently finished writing a friendly letter back to our pen pals on the computer. We also used a digital camera to take pictures

of ourselves to send to them so that they could know what we look like. Everyone was very excited to have a new pen pal and they had a lot of great questions to ask their new pen pals.

We will continue corresponding with our Hiawatha pen pals through the

end of the year. Then, next year, hopefully each set of pen pals will become real “pals” at Fleming. Ask your child about his or her pen pal.

